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To Give Or Not To Give: A Jewish Perspective On Organ Donation

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As a newcomer to this state, I recently went down to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get my shiny new North Carolina driver's license. After I qualified by passing the written exam (only four wrong) and showing proof of insurance (interesting pronunciation here—INsurance), I was asked whether I cared to be an organ donor in case the untypeable happens.

"Excuse me," I said to the license examiner as I looked at the form, "but would it be possible to stipulate which organs and under what conditions they can be donated?"

"Nope," she replied. "You either donate 'em or you don't."

I thought for a moment about trying to engage her in a discourse on the *halakhic* permissibility of organ donation. The bottom line, I would tell her, is that I will allow certain parts of my body to be put in another person's body so long as it is to save a life immediately in danger. If, however, being an organ donor might mean just "donating my organs to science," no go.

Under the circumstances, I decided to stifle myself. For one, there were lots of other people behind me who had been waiting in line more than an hour, the vast majority of whom clearly would have no interest in hearing a Rabbi pontificate about the *halakhic* permissibility of organ donation. And besides, even if I convinced her to do things my way, there isn't enough room on the license card to type in any kind of stipulation.

It's not particularly pleasant to ponder the possibility of entering a situation where one's organs are useless to oneself. Yet, because of the tremendous strides made in medical technology during the past decade or so, the media have begun to devote ever more time and space to the issue, making it ever harder to avoid. The latest major news organ to weigh in on the subject is no less than National Geographic, whose latest issue has a feature-length article on the subject.

Jewish Law

What does Jewish law, *halakha,* have to say about having our organs removed so as to provide some type of benefit to science or to another person?

Jewish law on this matter is grounded in the idea that the human body is made in the image of God. It is therefore a holy vessel. Unnecessary or gratuitous mutilation of a dying or dead body is totally at odds with the Jewish attitude toward the body. Such treatment is considered both disrespectful of the person who inhabited the body and an affront to the Almighty. Telling is the fact that the Talmud supplements the Torah's command to display publicly the body of a capitally punished criminal (done to discourage others from committing the same crime) by stipulating, in strong terms, that such display be of extremely short duration and that the body be quickly buried.

Earmarking a body, or parts of it, for scientific study is forbidden according to Jewish law, as well. The human body as a holy vessel in the image of God supersedes possible incremental benefits to science. For this reason, donating one's body to be used as cadaver for medical students, and the like, is forbidden.

Strictly speaking, the only case in which organ donation is permissible—not merely permissible, but a *mitzvah*—is when life or lives immediately in danger may be saved by organ donation. For example, it is well known that waiting lists for hearts, livers and kidneys are quite long. Such individuals are truly in danger of dying without receiving healthy organs to replace their diseased ones. Since one of Judaism's cardinal principles is *pikuah nefesh,* the saving of life, it follows that, in appropriate circumstances, donation of these organs is looked upon with favor.

Notice the qualification in the last sentence; it alludes to a crucial point. Very often, the possible scenarios regarding donation of life-saving organs include the survival of the potential donor. This points to another important principle: the first duty is to do everything, within reason, to save the life of the potential donor. Situations such as these are extremely complex (not to mention heart-rending). It is best that relatives of potential donors in such situations work in close consultation with their physician and rabbi.

Finally, what about donating organs to recipients who will gain some type of medical benefit, but whose lives are not in immediate danger? Examples of this include corneas to the blind and skin to burn victims. Here, *halakha* is not monolithic. Many authorities would tend to look askance at such practice, hewing closely to the principle of permitting organ donation only for the sake of saving lives immediately in danger.

Other authorities might be willing to take more flexible positions, working from the assumption that providing remedy to such non-life-threatening maladies might serve to militate against the possibility that such maladies could have long-term life-threatening implications (e.g., the enhanced likelihood of fatal accidents to a blind person denied a cornea transplant).

Clearly, in many circumstances, it's a *mitzvah* to have one's organs donated to save a life. But, being listed as an organ donor on one's driver's license doesn't cover the important *halakhic* nuances of the legal aspects of organ donation in Jewish law. What to do?

A simple, effective alternative is a wallet-ready card which lists, in short order, what simple provisions should be made for observance of Jewish law should the carrier be involved in circumstances leading to the question of organ donation.

Inquiries about such an alternative may be made by calling the writer at (704) 376-2796.

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From the Editor

President Bush's remarks on Sept. 12 regarding the **Loan Guarantees to Israel** have disappointed American Jews. Robert K. Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, issued a statement which we have excerpted for your information:

"The American Jewish community neither expected nor desired confrontation with President Bush. In the light of repeatedly declared policies of this Administration, we cannot understand the President's motives in taking the stand that he did in [Sept. 12's] press conference.

"During the past few weeks, the President and his spokespeople have consistently affirmed that there would be no linkage between the loan guarantees and the peace process or other political problems in the Middle East. . .

"Inexplicably, the President has now abandoned his own position and has tied the loan guarantees to prospects for the peace conference, thus creating the tensions that now exist between the Jewish community and the President. . .

"We share the President's desire to move expeditiously on the peace process and commend him for his dedication and perseverance in pursuing that goal. All of us, Americans, Arabs and Israelis, have a stake in the successful realization of that aim. But we find it disturbing and disappointing that the President should now suddenly find these considerations a sufficient basis for proposing that critically needed humanitarian assistance be delayed, deferred or held hostage to regional politics. . .

"Apart from the substantive differences we may have with the President, we are troubled by the admonitory tone of his remarks [Sept. 12]. Unfortunately, one might infer from the President's comments that there is something inappropriate or illegitimate in American citizens coming to Washington in an effort to persuade their elected representatives to adopt policies which they believe to be in the best interest of their country and its traditions. . .

"We hope yet to persuade the President, the Congress and the American people that there is nothing incompatible between pursuing peace in the Middle East and assisting the desperate immigrant populations now flooding into Israel. Neither should be delayed."

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The offensive remarks about President Bush by Rehevam Ze'evi, an Israeli Cabinet member, were inexcusable, stated Mr. Lifton on Sept. 16. He continued:

"We strongly support the Israeli request for U.S. loan guarantees. However, to ascribe anti-Semitism to President Bush because he disagrees with an aspect of Israel's policy is a terrible injustice to the President and calls for a clear repudiation by Prime Minister Shamir. . ."

We note that Israel's Minister of Defense, Moshe Arens, condemned Mr. Ze'evi's statement. Mr. Arens reflected the view of the Israeli government.

At the Barricades

by Kent E. Schiner and Daniel S. Mariaschin

Kent E. Schiner is President of B'nai B'rith. Daniel Mariaschin is the group's Director of International and Public Affairs, August 26, 1991.

The news that one of the three young men killed during the failed Soviet coup last week was Jewish could not have been more symbolic. 28 year-old Ilya Krichevsky was shot trying to prevent a tank from moving on the "White House," the nerve center of opposition to the attempted takeover of the Soviet government. Krichevsky, an architect and Red Army veteran, was a political activist who has maintained occasional contact with the organized Jewish groups in Moscow, including the Society of Friendship with Israel.

Ironically, it took Krichevsky's tragic death to do something rarely, if ever seen during the hundreds of years of Jewish life on Russian soil: bringing Russian Orthodox believers and Jews together for a brief moment of shared sadness. His casket, draped with the Russian tricolor flag and a *tallit,* was placed alongside that of his fellow victims in a memorial march through the streets of Moscow. Later, his graveside service was broadcast on Russian television. Alexander Rutskoi, Vice President of the Russian Federation, and representatives of Moscow Mayor Gavril Popov and the Russian parliament attended the ceremony.

It should not have come as a surprise that young Jews were at the barricades supporting the stand against the coup. During those momentous 72 hours, six leaders of the *Vaad,* the Jewish umbrella organization in the USSR, had been in constant touch with top ranking officials of the Russian Republic, including the chairman of the International Affairs committee of the Russian parliament. On the first day of the protest—when its outcome was by no means certain and as tanks were rumbling down Moscow's broad avenues in a show of force—six *Vaad* leaders issued a dramatic defense of democracy and reform.

The statement urges "all Jewish communities—secular, political and religious"—throughout the USSR to back the stand of the President and administration against the unconstitutional coup. "Today," the statement declared, "when the Republic of Russia is in the vanguard of the defense of liberty and democracy, we appeal to Jewish organizations. . .to openly support the forces of democracy and cooperate fully with the lawfully elected Russian government."

Among the signatories was Alexander (Sasha) Schmukler, president of B'nai B'rith in Moscow. During the coup attempt and the subsequent uprising, Sasha was among those very few activists who managed, from his downtown apartment, to keep Jewish communities in the USSR and abroad up-to-date on the latest events through phone calls and faxes. In an interview with the *Baltimore Sun,* Sasha explained that, "We created our own information system," which, along with network television and other eyewitness accounts, served to debunk the statements of the coup leaders and rally supporters far beyond the borders of the USSR.

Indeed, B'nai B'rith Moscow was very much on the barricades. A delegation of B'nai B'rith leaders stood in the steady downpour outside the "White House" as part of the all night vigil that defied a coup-imposed curfew.

Their support and that of senior representatives and groups in the Jewish community and other "public organizations" was later rewarded by an invitation from Russian President Boris Yeltsin to attend a celebration inside the imposing white Russian parliament building.

We are not surprised at the courage and determination of the *Vaad* and B'nai B'rith leaders. Since organizing B'nai B'rith in the USSR nearly three years ago, we have come to know *Vaad* chairman Mikhail Chlenov and Sasha Schmukler well. They are men of purpose, seeking to serve the best interests of their community during historic but unsettling times. When *glasnost* and *perestroika* were still untested principles, these individuals and countless others went about the business of creating a community structure, building cultural organizations and institutions and facilitating the emigration of hundreds of thousands of their brethren to the State of Israel and the United States.

They are also democrats. As much as any citizens of the USSR, they understand that for the well-being of Jews who wish to stay, and for the benefit of those who wish to leave, as well as for the good of every one of their countrymen, the Soviet Union must move rapidly toward democratic reforms. Politically, it might have been the better part of valor to maintain a low profile during those first equilibrium shattering hours of the coup and the counter revolution. But the Chlenovs and the Shmuklers would have none of it, facing as they did a moment of truth few, if any, of us will ever experience in a lifetime.

The historic changes now unfolding inside the USSR will hopefully mean expanded religious and cultural opportunities for Soviet Jews, continued free emigration to Israel, and closer relations between the central government in Moscow, the individual republics and the Israeli government.

B'nai B'rith, which has members in thirteen cities in the USSR from the Baltics to Birobidjan, will intensify its already active programs to provide Jewish culture and to help prepare future emigrants for life in Israel. Since December 1988, we have sponsored visiting lecturers on Jewish philosophy and history, summer camps for Jewish youngsters, Hebrew-language teachers and teaching materials and even a quarterly Russian-language news magazine devoted to history and current events. Most importantly, we have given those Soviet Jews who have affiliated with us an opportunity denied to the community for seventy years—the right to be part of a worldwide Jewish family.

For those present in Moscow at the February 1989 chartering of our first unit in the USSR, few will ever forget the look on our new members' faces as they received their pins and membership certificates. In its own way, that was an historic event; for decades B'nai B'rith had been cast in the Soviet media and popular literature as being at the core of a

Zionist conspiracy. One Soviet writer in the 1950s referred to us as "the first violin in the Zionist orchestra." And yet, there we were, decades later, initiating new members in the Soviet capital. The courage displayed last week at the "White House" was demonstrated that night as well, as young Soviet Jews proudly proclaimed their Jewishness.

The dust may not soon settle on the events of the past week. The vast economic and nationalities problems, the issue of relations between the republics, foreign affairs and defense matters will keep the USSR wracked by serious, seemingly intractable problems for months and years to come. Our work will continue: to encourage those Soviet Jews who wish to leave to make their homes in Israel, and to assist those on their way and those who choose to stay behind to maintain a strong Jewish identity in what we hope will be a fully democratic, pluralistic USSR.

For those of us who lived through this, it is not an overstatement to say we have witnessed one of the great moments of this century's history. To our grandchildren we will be able to say proudly that we knew those courageous young Jews in Moscow who made their voices heard in defense of democracy and human rights.

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Yad Vashem at Babi Yar

by Dr. William Korey
Director of International Policy for B'nai B'rith International

When the Soviet Ukrainian Republic schedules an academic conference in Kiev on Babi Yar and the Holocaust, and that conference is to be chaired by Israel's Yad Vashem, it is an historic milestone. September 29th, the 50th anniversary of the Babi Yar massacre, will mark the opening of a week of ceremonies concerning the tragedy, with plans for a special Kiev-Jerusalem TV and radio hook-up.

President Bush, in an August 1 speech delivered at the Babi Yar Holocaust Monument, declared that: "We come to Babi Yar to remember. We remember violence and valor. We remember prejudice and selflessness."

"None of us will ever forget," the President continued. "The Holocaust occurred because good men and women averted their eyes from unprecedented evil. And the Nazis fell when good men and women opened their eyes, summoned their courage and faith, and fought for democracy, liberty, justice and decency."

But until now, Soviet authorities have simply expunged the Jewish trauma from the historical record. The Nazi murder of 33,770 Jews at the ravine on the outskirts of Kiev during 36 hours of non-stop shooting on September 29-30, 1941 was treated as a figment of someone's imagination.

Orwellian inversion was the standard Soviet technique in dealing with the Babi Yar Holocaust. Denied, from the very beginning, was the Jewish agony. According to the government, those buried at Babi Yar were Russians, Ukrainians, and other victims of Fascism.

Yevgeny Yevtushenko dared to unveil the truth in his powerful 1961 poem "Babi Yar." While bemoaning the fact that there was "no monument over Babi Yar" and that "everything here screams in silence," Yevtushenko linked the distortion of the record to traditional Russian anti-Semitism.

Not surprisingly, the poet was denounced in official literary and political circles, with the Party General-Secretary Nikita Khrushchev condemning his work as reflecting "ignorance." When the great composer Dmitri Shostakovich wrote the moving 13th Symphony, which was in part based upon the Yevtushenko poem, he too was officially chastised. After one public performance, received with tumultuous applause, the symphony was virtually silenced too.

The world outcry finally prompted the authorities in 1976 to build a 50-foot high commemorative monument with a frieze of 11 figures. But none of the figures represents Jews. A plaque at the bottom of the memorial makes no reference to Jewish martyrdom. And significantly, the monument was not erected at the site of the ravine, but rather a distance away.

When Kiev Jews applied in 1978 for permission to say the Kaddish at the memorial site, they never received an official reply. For nearly a decade afterwards, the authorities treated efforts for a prayer service at the site as a police matter. Even a documentary film on Babi Yar, produced by Jewish filmaker Aleksandr Shlayen, was "murdered," in the words of the producer: Virtually all references to Jews were edited out.

Concerned world leaders would not permit the truth to be smothered. Especially striking was action taken by former Secretary of State George P. Schultz. In April, 1988 he made a short plane stop in Kiev and spent a few emotional moments at Babi Yar.

It was, after all, "among the first places where we saw the Holocaust, the slaughter of Jews," said the Secretary of State. He then continued with a ringing comment: "We have to say to ourselves, always, 'never again.' "

If Moscow was unresponsive, the initiative to break the silence and correct the distortions was seized by leaders of the Ukraine, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Serhiy Komissarenko. He recently stated that "for far too long the truth about Babi Yar has been hushed up and distorted."

Recognizing that the ravine is "a symbol of Jewish martyrdom," Komissarenko promised that "we will lay a cornerstone that will serve as a base for a new monument which will tell the true story of Babi Yar." The cornerstone laying is to take place during official Kiev ceremonies, September 29-October 6. And it is to be placed right at the ravine site of the Holocaust.

The committee arranging for the observances will include Komissarenko and Shlayen.

An announcement by the Ukrainian government states that plans will be made at the observance for student exchanges with Israel, the U.S. and other states. The focus of the exchange will be the Holocaust.

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Our Reunion with Cousins in Lithuania, July 1991

by Phil Datnoff
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The arrival of Aeroflot #2017 from Moscow on the morning of July 12 brought my wife, Gwen, and me, along with my brother, Larry, and his wife, Ruth, of Birmingham, Ala. into the hands of our newly-found cousins in Vilnius, Lithuania where we were received with flowers, kisses and tears of joy and gladness, for this Lithuanian family had not known of their American relatives. After they were found about two years ago, the eldest of the three cousins was brought to America to attend a wedding and meet all of her new "Mishpocha" from New York to Florida. And so, plans were made for this trip to Vilnius to meet the others of the family. So excited and elated were they that the oldest of the three was out the door on the ramp of the airport, awaiting the engines on the plane to cease. How many American Jews get the chance to return and see a loved one in this country? And so at our hotel, a huge welcome was prepared by them with Cognac and Vodka, with loads of "L'Chaim and Nas-da-Roh-Vee-Yu" where we celebrated and became acquainted. And what a week of stories, sightseeing and seeing sights of Jewish interests that many might not observe, for not having one who has survived these happenings, the past and the present, and how they have survived these 50 years of "Katastrofa," as their new poster describes.

And now begins my episode:

I wrote a letter early in 1989 to a tour guide (not Jewish) who my friend, Bernard Kline of Columbia, S.C., used many years ago during his travels into Lithuania (also returning in 1989 and using the same guide), inquiring if she could possibly locate our relatives in Vilnius. All I had in my possession was a picture of three people taken in 1953 which was sent to her with only the first names of the three for the last names were not known. With her contacts through the Jewish Cultural Center in Vilnius, one person recognized one of our female cousins in the picture. And so, on the first day of Rosh Hashanah in 1989, my first letter arrived and contact was made with our long lost cousins. Plans were made to go in 1990 but due to the uprisings in that country, visas were not being issued to enter any part of Lithuania. But what a joy for them when they learned that the name of the searcher was a person with the name DATNOFF, for they then remembered that their mother's maiden name was identical. Again, plans were made to make this journey to Lithuania which we did in July, 1991.

In 1989, when Bernie Kline went to Lithuania with our cousin, Alvin Witten of Gastonia, they visited my entire family and received a glorious welcome as if they were also "Mishpocha," but glad to see Jews from America.

Even though we were with a tour group from the U.S.A. to visit parts of Russia, the cousins were planning our off-days to see things not included in our tour. In walking through the streets of Vilnius, our cousin pointed out to us where the ghetto area of the city existed and the existing structures which stand in these places today, where numerous large synagogues once stood. The old city still remains "the old city," but nothing of Jews in the area. The name "Zydu" meaning Jew street in Vilnius is still present. A new museum recently opened in temporary quarters by the J.D.C. of the city was visited and all illustrations depicting the years 1941-1944 were carefully described by a little old Jewish woman in good understandable Yiddish (and what a delight to listen to her speak). She was aged 18 during the time of the atrocities, and after 50 years, with the opening of the museum, became the director and personal guide.

Having three cousins with families living in Vilnius, we could not give a "No" answer when invited to each of their homes for their afternoon meal (which is the big meal) with many of the delicacies of our homes: Gefilte Fish, Roast Chicken, Kreplach, Chopped Liver and Chopped Herring, Herring in Wine Sauce, Taiglach, desserts and plenty of Cognac and Vodka. This we had to drink straight, followed by a chaser. I taught them to "Chug-a-lug." A total of 19 people comprised these three families, consisting of our cousin, Shanke, with a married son and two grandchildren; another cousin, Feifel, and his wife, with two daughters and one grandson; and also our cousin, Elke, and husband, with a son and daughter and three grandchildren. Yes, all 19 were present at each meal and what a merry group we were!

As Russian is the main language spoken by members of the family, many of the cousins could not understand the conversation, for we spoke in Yiddish to those who understood. This was a delight to them for the opportunity to converse in Yiddish does not come often. Because of our coming from so far away and many wishing to be with us during our week in their country, some of the cousins came from Siberia, West Germany and Moldavia and some took their vacations that week. Many gifts were brought to the families and every little bit was appreciated by all. A former resident of Vilnius, learning of our expected travel, informed us as to their needed items and we obliged the best we could

The city of Vilnius, old and delightful, dating back centuries, was a lovely city to see from every viewpoint. Outstanding of all was the Panereii Memorial located in the Paneray forest where from July 1941 to July 1944, the Hitlerite Occupiers and their local accomplices destroyed 100,000 people, among them 70,000 Jews—men, women and children. This memorial was dedicated in June of this year and given by a family by the name of Epstein from Tel Aviv. This memorial must be seen to get a better picture of the structure. Adjoining the memorial grounds was the Panereii Museum where the museum guide, in fairly good English, explained the purpose and reasons this museum is on display for guests. (My VCR tape has good highlights of both of these places.) All guests to this museum were asked

to sign the register with personal comments of their visit. A beautiful lighted map of Lithuania flashed on and off marking the cities in the country where all were displaced. Another interesting place was the last remaining cemetery in Vilnius where we observed how the departed are memorialized with their pictures etched into the tombstones. No perpetual care—one must take care of his own plots. Another place of interest was what was done with desecrated tombstones—using them as stepping stones, ascending a memorial. All of this was shown and explained by our cousin, Feifel, a dynamic person who could not do enough for us.

Time was allotted to take us to the TV tower in the city and observe the Russians in charge of the TV station. Barbed wire surrounds this area, a Russian tank and soldiers are in view. Every day people throng to the area and place flowers at the spot where, during the January uprising, many civilians lost their lives. Also we viewed how the Parliament building is barracaded with barbed wire—barricades still standing in the streets approaching the Parliament area with signs reading:

Laisve Lietuva! Freedom! Independent
Lietuvos Sirdis! Free Baltic!

During our spare time in Vilnius and the availability of time to do some shopping, the stores we shopped were of the individual, one-item shop. Our observation of these shops: we did see merchandise on the shelves, but in limited supply and very little selection. On one Saturday morning, we waited until one of their department stores opened, people were queued in line, like a big sale, but it was "first come—first served." One had to wait his turn to be waited on for service. All waited patiently for their turn but the selections were very limited—some departments had nothing.

The free time given us on our tour in Lithuania enabled our cousins to take us to other cities. One was the city of Ukmerge, where atrocities were conducted on thousands of people and they were buried in forests.

Also we went on to the city of Jonava, to see from where our late father emigrated and where our cousins resided after their return from Russia (they lived in deep Russia during the war years, taken there in their early teens). As the return of Jews to the small cities after the war was at a minimum, the cousins remained in Jonava for one year, finally moving to Vilnius. We also visited the cemetery where our grandparents were buried along with thousands from the Holocaust. And then on to Babtai, the home of our late mother and where her late brothers, Dave and Jack Witten, were reared. On a former visit by our cousin, Alvin Witten of Gastonia, to this city, the area where our great grandfather had his flour mill was shown him by a resident of the city.

The city of Kaunas or once called Kovno, prior to World War II, was also visited by our tour group. This was the area which was once called "Kovno-Gobernye" from where our parents and other people of their generation emigrated. Included in this city tour were portions of the old and new



Picture taken on arrival at Vilnius Airport: (Back Row) Gwen and Phil Datnoff, Hickory, N.C. (Front Row) sister-in-law, Ruth Datnoff, Birmingham, Ala.; cousin, Shanke Vilk, Vilnius; cousin, Elke Vozonenko, Vilnius; cousin, Svetlana and husband Feifel Vilk, Vilnius; brother, Larry Datnoff, Birmingham, Ala.; cousin, Elke's husband, Grecious.

city, numerous museums, a walking tour of the university area, and a very important stop at the desecrated Jewish cemetery (my wife asked the tour guide to make this stop). Kaunas, the second largest city in Lithuania, now has a population of less than 600 Jews and Vilnius, less than 500. At one time the framework of synagogues in Vilnius was over 160, but now only one remains standing.

And with Aeroflot #8045 awaiting our departure on the 19th of July, we left our new-found cousins with mixed emotions and again, amidst tears, kisses and flowers, we said our good-byes with the hope that the new generation will find a way to meet each other.

Our tour of Moscow consisted of seeing the many important sites of the city: a visit to the Kremlin, Red Square, Lenin's Tomb, the State University and a hurried-up walk through Gum Department Store. We did take in the famous Moscow circus and traveled the Metro to view the various architectural designs of these stations—no graffiti to be seen. Leningrad was an entirely different city with its architecture dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries, its Baroque style which was beautiful, a visit to the city of Pushkin, to view and go through the St. Catherine's Palace and its gardens, Peter the Great's Summer Palace and last of all in the list, the beautiful Hermitage. Time did not permit us to view these magnificant structures in the way they should be seen. Again, we insisted that our guide take us to the last standing synagogue in Leningrad—open on Saturdays and holidays only.

The memories of our tremendous welcome by our cousins, the good times and places shown by them will be a lasting memory. The impression of the Lithuanians we met with on our tours was that they are a humble and proud people despite what they have endured these past 50 years.

Summer Institutes at Wildacres

by Estelle Hoffman

G.C.A.R. Interfaith Institute at Wildacres

Wildacres Interfaith Institute was held this year on Monday, August 5 to Thursday, August 8. The theme was *Exodus to Freedom,* concentrating on the Book of Exodus.

Principal speakers were Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky and Dr. Walter Harrelson. Subjects covered were: *Developing the Nature of God; Sinai: Covenant and Law;* and *Exodus Motif: Liberation Theology.* Dr. Walter Harrelson is Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Rector of the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research. He has degrees from Mars Hill College, UNC-Chapel Hill, Union Theological Seminary, University of Basle, Harvard Divinity School and University of the South. He has held teaching posts at Andover Newton Theological School, University of Chicago, Vanderbilt University Divinity School and in Jerusalem at the Ecumenical Institute.

He has received many awards and honors and his writings include *Jeremiah: Prophet to the Nations, Interpreting the Old Testament, From Fertility Cult to Worship, The Ten Commandments and Human Rights* and *Jews and Christians: A Troubled Family.*

Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky specializes in the fields of Assyriology and Sumerology, as well as Biblical studies. She holds degrees from Yale, Jewish Theological Seminary and City College of New York. She studied in Rome at the Pontifical Biblical Institute as a Sibley Fellow. She has held academic positions as Director of Biblical Studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, as Visiting Associate Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary Graduate School and Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

She is author of *In the Wake of the Goddesses* (Free Press, Macmillan), and forthcoming publications in progress are *The Judicial Ordeal in the Ancient Near East* and *Motherprayer,* a collection of essays and poems by her, based on Jewish and Christian religious sources.



Herman Blumenthal welcomes guests to Wildacres.

G.C.A.R. Assn. of Rabbis Kallah

The G.C.A.R. Summer Kallah of rabbis took place at Wildacres August 8 to 11. The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis includes rabbis from an extended area. Many members once served in the Carolinas who now live elsewhere, and they return for this annual week of study, prayer and reunion. Newcomers are warmly received into the group.

Speakers were Dr. Tikva Frymer-Kensky, remaining from the Interfaith Institute, and Dr. Allan D. Kensky, her husband. The lectures were on the subject of *Exodus,* and Dr. Tikva gave two talks on *Genesis from 'Genesis'* with emphasis on women. Excerpts from ancient writings in the Middle East were read, and she read some of her own poetry.

Susan Sapinsley conducted art classes for all of the children, who produced some remarkable works. Susan also assumes the duties of group photographer during the entire Kallah, and she will serve in the coming year to coordinate a program to acquaint more rabbis with the Rabbis Kallah and to attract them to join the 1992 session.

This group has been convening at Wildacres for almost forty years, so that many return with nostalgia. In their program on the last evening this year, a parody on the lines, "Dearie, do you remember?. . ." was sung by the group, composed by Susan Sapinsley and Margie Spector.

Rabbi Tom Liebschutz is G.C.A.R. president. Rabbi Philip Silverstein was director of the Kallah at Wildacres.

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I

The annual North Carolina B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism August 19-22 marked the 44th anniversary of the first Institute which was created at Wildacres, largely through the efforts of Maurice Weinstein of Charlotte, N.C. Twenty-two similar institutes are currently held throughout the United States, evolving from that first held in 1948.

Chairpersons this year were Betty and Richard Deutsch of Raleigh, N.C. The committee for the Institute consists of Greta and Sid Baron, Rozelle and Sy Bederman, Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum, Shirley and Bernie Fisher, Retha and Bill Jasper, Audrey and Jerry Madans, Roz and Norman Pliner, and Muriel and Sid Rubin.

Speakers on the topic, *A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts,* were: Dr. Bart Ehrman, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill and Visiting Assistant Professor at Duke University; Dr. Judith Ruderman, Director of Continuing Education and member of the Adjunct Faculty at Duke University; and Dr. Kenneth Stein, Associate Professor of Near

East History and Political Science and Director of Middle Eastern programs at The Carter Center of Emory University.

An expert on American literature written by Jewish authors, Judith Ruderman spoke of the beginnings of Jewish writing in The U.S. and continued to modern writers with whom today's readers are well acquainted. Her presentations were warm and extremely well received.

Dr. Bart Ehrman specializes in Judaism and its relationship to early Christianity. He spoke on Jews and Christians at The Common Era. His talks were enlightening and his sense of humor was appreciated by the participants, who felt he made the history of the time come alive.

Dr. Kenneth Stein is an international authority on the origin and development of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He collaborated with President Carter on *The Blood of Abraham.* He is well informed and widely traveled, and he speaks with great verve on matters of intense interest to all of us.

Evening entertainment began on the first evening with a chorus of the Institute's committee singing a moving parody to the tune of "Those Were the Days, My Friend," composed by Sandy Deckelbaum. The audience joined in the chorus after each verse, and the session opened on a high note. Viva Klezmer! and soloist, Marlene Fuerstman, all of Charlotte, provided lively entertainment on the other evenings.

At Wildacres, each bed was filled, each mouth fed and every soul enriched by the Institute of Judaism.

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism II

Two outstanding scholars and speakers were the lecturers for the August 15-18, 1991 B'nai B'rith Institute II at Wildacres. They were Dr. Jacob Goldberg, Senior Research Fellow at the Dayan Center for Middle East Studies of Tel Aviv University, and Dr. Ori Zarah Soltes, author of scholarly papers, film-maker and museum curator and exhibit designer.



N.C. B'nai B'rith Institute Chorus (L. to R.): Richard Deutsch, Sandy Deckelbaum, Audrey Madans, Roz Pliner, Betty Deutsch and Muriel Rubin.

He is director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C. The lectures were entitled, *Understanding the Arab-Israeli Conflict: Religion, History and the People.*

Participants all agreed that the speakers were extremely well informed and imparted great understanding of the world of Islam in its many aspects. The highly complicated and sometimes confusing issues were elucidated and questions were responded to at the close of each session.

Topics of lectures were *The Development and Basic Principles of Islam, Judaism in Islam,* and *Arab Nationalism and European Imperialism, 1897-1947,* by Dr. Soltes. Dr. Goldberg's subjects were *Arab Attitudes toward Israel and the West: A Social and Historical Analysis, The Arab World and the Place of the Palestinians in It* and *The Arab-Israeli Conflict in the Middle East Today.* The final lecture left a note of distinct optimism for the peace process in the region.

There was a beautiful Sabbath dinner and Friday evening services led by Todd Savitt were held on the patio, in view of the mountains at sunset. Saturday morning services were held in the auditorium, led by Dr. A. J. Kravtin and Richard Melenson.

There were small discussion groups during the afternoons, Oneg Shabbats and entertainment Saturday night by Kaufman and Company, featuring music and songs by Jewish "Tin Pan Alley" composers. Havdallah services followed.

Institute chairmen were Todd Savitt, A.J. Kravtin and Richard Melenson. Participants of the Institute gained understanding of Islam and its vast population and nationalities. All were enthusiastic about this well planned and rewarding Institute.

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The JNF of America is raising funds for immigrant housing site preparation at Neighborhood 11 in Beersheva, among other areas. Located on the western side of the city, it will expand the present neighborhood of Ramot Pinchas Sapir. Some 3,000 apartment units are planned for the site in the first stage. JNF is also developing land for two kindergartens, a day care center, two elementary schools, a synagogue, stores and a large park, and it is building access roads.

"The preparation of housing sites for new immigrants is one of the greatest tasks which JNF has ever faced," said Dr. Steve Gordon, president, JNF Southern Region. "We responded to a request by the Ministry of Housing and other authorities and undertook the preparation of building sites on a scale and a budget greatly in excess of our regular activities. If housing sites are not prepared, however, there will be no place for the immigrants to live. We call upon the entire American Jewish community to support Operation Promised Land so that we may fulfill this vital national task."

In 1917, Beersheva was captured by the British but remained undeveloped for the next 30 years, occupied mainly by wandering Bedouin. With the creation of the State of Israel, Beersheva was declared the "Capital of the Negev." Since then, it has grown into a city with a population of 120,000 inhabitants, representing a cross-section of Jews from all over the world.

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FIRST ROSH HASHANAH IN ISRAEL—Two young Ethiopian Jews, rescued in the secret airlift from Addis Ababa, express wishes for a happy new year in Hebrew, Amharic and English. Their rescue and absorption into Israel are thanks to the UJA/Federation Operation Exodus Campaign. Ishimafet (left) and Nanu are among the hundreds of Ethiopian Jews at the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem, now a Jewish Agency absorption center. They are studying Hebrew in "ulpan" classes at the Tzvia religious girls' high school.
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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Israel
Charlotte, N.C.
by Florence Jaffa

The New Year 5752 was ushered in with much excitement and many changes for Temple Israel. Our inspiring High Holiday services were led by our new spiritual leader, Rabbi Scott White, and guest Rabbi, Gordon Tucker of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

On Sept. 15, a consecration ceremony, "In Celebration of New Beginnings," was held at the site of the future synagogue at Shalom Park. The structure is quickly rising with many of the steel supports already in place. The congregation anticipates being in the new facility by next summer.

David Arazie Honored

Congratulations to David Arazie who received one of the "Nine Who Care" awards from Mecklenburg County for being an outstanding volunteer in our community. On Sept. 21, a special Shabbat service followed by a Kiddush luncheon was held to honor the man and his Mitzvot. Temple Israel thanks David Arazie for his dedication and devotion to this congregation.

The Fall calendar of events is filling up. A B'nai Torah program will be held on Sunday mornings beginning Oct. 13, led by Rabbi White. A one-year course will prepare adults for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. A five-year course of studies in Scripture, Rabbinic Text and Theology will culminate with a Bat or Ben Torah Certificate.

Luski Family Lectureship

The Third Annual Luski Family Lectureship in Jewish Arts and Folk Culture will be held on Monday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C. "The Many Faces of Yiddish Song" will feature Zalmen Mlotek and Shoshana Ron. The narrated concert traces the development of Yiddish music from its roots in the Eastern European *shtetl* through its American evolution in the theatre and among the people. These free musical presentations, open to everyone, have been well received by the community. Many thanks to the Luski Family for its generosity.



Rabbi Scott White pours soil from Jerusalem on site during consecration ceremony for Temple Israel at Shalom Park, Sept. 15, 1991.



Leaders of Temple Israel at groundbreaking (L. to R.): Sol Levine, Alvin E. Levine, Dr. Philip Naumoff, Robert Speizman, Harry Lerner.



Tamara Miller

Ohev Zion Congregation Martinsville, Va.

Tamara Miller has been reappointed as our spiritual leader for this coming year. Ms. Miller will conduct our Friday night services, administer the Sunday School, teach the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, formulate adult educational programming and officiate at life cycle events.

Ms. Miller conducted Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur *t'filot* with Cantor Irv Corman from Greensboro, N.C. Ohev Zion again participated in Mazon's "Campaign Isaiah" and collected canned goods and non-perishable food items to remind us that our fast on Yom Kippur is voluntary, but the hundreds of thousands of hungry and homeless are choiceless. These goods are distributed to the soup kitchen at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Martinsville. The children of Ohev Zion's Sunday School also brought in food.

On Sept. 22, the congregation traveled to High Point's Shakespeare Festival to experience the world of THE DYBBUK. This performance of the classic Yiddish play highlights the world of the Jews in Russia in the early 1900s.

Our newly elected officers for 1991-92 include Don Grayson, pres.; Howard Grodensky, v.p.; Ceil Kaufman, treas.; Ann Martin, sec.; directors: Barry Greene, Bill Sater, Richard Globman and Zelda Berlin.

Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

Agudas Israel Congregation is led by the following officers for 1991-92: Morris Kaplan, pres.; Morris Kalin, first v.p.; Fred Lewin, second v.p.; Anne Kaplan, corresp. sec.; Bob Schimek, rec. sec.; Larry Diamond, treas. Trustees are: Harry Fritz, Paul Prosky, Jerry Salatino, Kalman Sherman, Miriam Sud, Gerry Uhler, Sam Williams and Miriam Zucker.

The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary are: Miriam Zucker, pres.; Marcia Aronson, first v.p.; Miriam Sud, second v.p.; Audrey Rubin, sec.; Shirley Diamond, treas.; Tobie Heller, past pres./advisor; Gladys Diamond and Lucille Caine, summer representatives.

The Brotherhood officers are: Paul Prosky, pres.; Burt Greenberg, first v.p.; Jerry Uhler, second v.p.; Pete Meyer, sec.; Jerry Rubin, treas.; Bob Schimek, past pres.; Harry Fritz, Al Librett and Sam Williams, members at large.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

This past year Beth Israel began preparing and delivering meals each month: one night of dinner, once a month, for ten to fifteen people living at Hospitality House, in Asheville. This has been deeply rewarding for those who've given their time. A big thanks to Deborah and Dr. Ron Neimkin, Barbara and Richard Laibson, Sally Katz, David Gaynes, and Sara and Rabbi Birnham. This coming year we hope to expand the service of our committee to include the Mitzvah of visiting the sick and/or the homebound and perhaps even driving those who cannot drive themselves to Shul for Shabbat services.

Rabbi sez: "Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Anyone? Already ten people have expressed interest. Growing up, did you somehow miss the opportunity to deeply learn about our tradition along with a good grasp of Hebrew? Do you want to learn over a period of two years how to read the Torah? Chant a Haftarah? Lead the prayers at service? Are you interested in learning the things you never learned as a child? Are you interested in studying with Rabbi Birnham and other teachers, and at the same time developing a close bond with your fellow students?" Please join the voyage as they set sail.

On Aug. 18, a testimonial dinner was held in honor of Dr. Joseph and Arlene Schandler. Honored guests included Mayor Kenneth Michalove and former Congressman Jamie Clarke, who spoke about the honorees. Milton Lurey, Benson Slosman, past Synagogue presidents, and Carol Deutsch, wife of the president of Beth Israel, all contributed to the program. Congregants, relatives and friends shared in the festivities showing Beth Israel's appreciation to the Schandlers for their devotion and dedication to the Synagogue throughout the years.

Personals

Congratulations to David Freedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Freedman, who has been appointed adjunct professor at Wake Forest University Law School. For one year, he will teach the second year law students trial defense. He will continue his present position as law partner in the firm of White and Crumpler in Winston-Salem.

Congratulations to Lisa Slosman, daughter of Fred and Anna Slosman and Gene and Ellen Knoefel, of Sacramento, Cal. who graduated *cum laude* from California State University with a degree in communications; she is presently working for a television station in Sacramento; to Jeff Slosman, who graduated two years ago from Wake Forest University, with a degree in business administration and has settled in Asheville and is in business with his father, Fred, at the Slosman Corporation; to Rick Slosman who graduated last year from the University of North Carolina at Asheville with distinction in philosophy. He recently moved to Boulder, Col. to attend graduate school at Naropa Institute. Rick, Jeff and Lisa are the grandchildren of Mrs. Sam Slosman and Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Dave.

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Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Regarding the High Holy Days, Sisterhood arranged a reception for Rosh Hashanah night, and a break-the-fast on Yom Kippur.

The Brotherhood

Arnold Sgan, the new Brotherhood president, reported that last year donations were made to Asheville-Buncombe Christian Ministries for heating oil for the needy; to Operation Exodus for Russian Jews immigrating to Israel; to Eleida Children's Home in honor of Bob Fortune; to the Congregation's Torah Restoration Fund, and for the Centennial.

Mishpacha-Mixed Married/Jews by Choice

The Outreach group met on Aug. 24 at the home of Fritzi and John Fligel. The evening featured a covered dish supper, a stimulating discussion, and good fellowship.

Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming met with students from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Aug. 11 in our Temple sanctuary. He pointed out the common links between Judaism and Christianity, and gave the students a tour of our building.

The Rabbi's Round Table assembled on Aug. 16 when he gave a report on the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which he attended in June in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

On Aug. 20 he spoke to the Adult Study Group at First Baptist Church. His topic was "The Jewish Impact on History."

Pre-Holy Day Selichot-Meet our Choir Reception

Held on Aug. 31, the Selichot service featured a sampling of High Holy Days prayers and music, followed by a reception sponsored by Jerry Dave.

Welcome

Warm greetings to new members Ronald and Janet Grant and their daughters Veronica Elyse, 6, and Charlotte Ashton, age 3.

Follow-up on the Centennial Weekend

The following report was written by Centennial Chairperson Muriel Marks:

The year long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Congregation Beth Ha-Tephila culminated the weekend of Aug. 9-11. The Centennial Heritage Sabbath Services, Aug. 9, were of Rededication and Reaffirmation to our Congregation and Judaism.

At 8 p.m. the sanctuary doors were opened and a procession led by Rabbi Ronald Bluming and President Scott Lebensburger entered. The four Torahs were carried in by past presidents Hyman Dave, Dr. Albert Kodack, Alfred Lichtenfels, Dr. Stanley M. Marks, accompanied by Robert Janowitz, Kerry Friedman and Howard Sellinger. We were honored to have Mayor Kenneth Michalove, Rabbi Shmuel Birnham of Congregation Beth Israel, Morris Kaplan, president of Agudas Israel synagogue of Hendersonville, Dr. Samuel Schuman, new chancellor at UNCA, Howard Hanson, representing the Christian Clergy of Asheville and Rabbi Norman Kahan, UAHC director of small congregations and guest speaker for the evening.

The Sabbath Services, following the greetings brought by the dignitaries, were most inspiring. Past presidents of the Congregation, Brotherhood and Sisterhood participated in the service, using the Union Prayer Book. Enhancing the services was the glorious music under the direction of Jean Valerio, music director and organist. Along with our own choir, Hannah Pennell, soprano, Pamela Simmons, contralto, Michael Bowling, tenor and William Vernon, base. We were honored to have a return engagement of Dr. Roberta Rosen and Sarah Rosen, niece and grandniece of Cantor Max Janowski from Chicago. Sarah directed the choir and Roberta sang solo. We also had the pleasure of the music of Dick Kowal playing trumpet.

After services, our members and guests retired to Unger Hall to partake of a scrumptious buffet prepared by a new caterer to Asheville, "Beggars Pantry" owned by Terri and Doug Brian, daughter and son-in-law of Mary and Buddy Riesenberg.

The Banquet

On Aug. 10, 101 members and friends of Beth Ha-Tephila gathered in the ballroom at the Great Smokies Hilton for our Centennial Banquet. It was started with a lovely cocktail reception hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blomberg.

We were thrilled that Rabbi Stanley Funston, his wife, Gita, and daughter joined us that evening. Rabbi Funston was our Rabbi for our 75th anniversary and presently has a congregation in Dothan, Ala. Also on the dais were our Rabbi Ronald Bluming and his wife, Phyllis; Temple president, Scott Lebensburger, and his wife, Brenda; our guest of honor and keynote speaker, Rabbi Norman Kahan; and chairperson of the Centennial committee and mistress of ceremony, Muriel L. Marks, and husband, Dr. Stanley J. Marks.

After the invocation by Rabbi Funston and Hamotzi by Rabbi Bluming, all enjoyed a most perfect dinner.

All arrangements with the Hilton were handled by Mrs. Alfred (Teddi) Kodack. The flowers gracing the tables were contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Norman (Bea) Greenberg. Sincere "Thank You" to all contributions to the Centennial Fund and Centennial Book.

Upon completion of dinner, Muriel welcomed one and all. Once again Dr. Roberta Rosen and her daughter,

Sarah, along with Dr. Frank Rosen, husband of Roberta, were introduced, and we were entertained musically—part of which was a sing-a-long for all to join in. President Lebensburger presented commemorative plaques to Rabbi Bluming and immediate past president, Robert Janowitz for their dedicated service to our congregation. He then introduced Rabbi Norman Kahan who inspired us all with his words of wisdom. We reminisced with Rabbi Funston and heard hopes for the future from Rabbi Bluming.

After more musical entertainment, President Lebensburger presented Muriel Marks with a plaque thanking her for her work for the outstanding Centennial Year. Frank Gilreath presented her with a bouquet of red roses. After catching her breath, Muriel thanked all for making her "Queen for an Evening." She introduced her committee: Scott Lebensburger who with his wife, Brenda, underwrote the cost of the outstanding Centennial Book presented to those in attendance; Isaac Chicurel, photographer for the year; Dr. Arnold Sgan, who diligently helped make the book what it is; Frank Gilreath, who never said "No"; Mrs. Leon Feldman underwrote the cost of our outstanding invitations in memory of her husband, Dr. Leon Feldman. We were most fortunate to have the services of two excellent cameramen, Adam McAnualty and Lou Coulson, staff members of WLOS. They photographed all our Centennial events, starting with the Shabbat Music in February and we will, in time, have a Centennial video film for posterity.

The evening ended with the benediction by Rabbi Kahan. We now go forward with rededication for the next generation to come, leaving a proud legacy for them to build on.

The weekend concluded with a full Board Meeting Sunday morning, preceded by a breakfast prepared by Frank Gilreath and Muriel Marks. Rabbi Kahan talked to us and answered questions. We picked and delved into every issue possible and came away with a feeling of determination, ideas and inspiration for our Congregation.

Personals



Mrs. Bernard F. Sandler

Gordon-Sandler Wedding Statesville, N.C.

Susan Gordon became the bride of Bernard Fisher Sandler in a 7:30 p.m. candlelight ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 10, 1991 at Temple Emanuel, Statesville, N.C., with Cantor Melvin Luterman of Baltimore, Md. officiating. Wedding music was provided by Linda Booth, harpist, and Julie Robins, flutist. Cantor Luterman also sang a traditional Hebrew love song to the bride as she walked to the altar on the arm of her father.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Martin Gordon of Statesville. A graduate of SHS, she attended the University of Miami and Arizona State University, where she received her B.S. in recreation. She is currently employed as the coordinator of the recreational therapy department at Charter Pines Hospital.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sandler of Baltimore and Del Ray Beach, Fla. A graduate of the McDonogh School in Baltimore, he received his degree in finance from the University of South Carolina, where he was a member of SAE fraternity. He is presently vice-president of the investment firm of Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co.

All of the nieces of the bridal couple carried a white rose and the nephews, a boutonniere.

Mrs. Mark Jeffrey Margolis, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. The groom chose his father to be best man, and ushers included Craig Gordon, brother of the bride; Gilbert Brown, Thomas McDonald, III, Walter Jameson and Stephen Shea.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony at the Statesville Country Club.

Following a wedding trip to France and Italy, the couple lives in Charlotte.



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Mrs. Ronald K. Brooke

Leder-Brooke Wedding Raleigh, N.C.

Esther Rose Leder and Ronald Keith Brooke were united in marriage August 17, 1991 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, N.C. Officiating at the 8 p.m. ceremony was Rabbi Reuben Kesner.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Leder of Wilson, N.C. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brooke of Norfolk, Va.

Janey Cockrell Hartner of Morristown, N.J. was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Michele Brooke and Ellen Brooke Coley of Virginia Beach, Va., sisters of the bridegroom; and Kim Watson and Honeybun Corbett, both of Wilson.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Ushers were Steven Leder and Sheldon Leder of Wilson, brothers of the bride; Butch Crane and Jeff Miller of Virginia Beach; Hill Felton Jr. of South Boston, Va.; David Kantor of Norfolk; and Danny Coley, brother-in-law of the groom, of Virginia Beach.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents were hosts for a seated dinner and dance at the North Raleigh Hilton. Music was provided by the Skydive Band.

Mrs. Brooke is a graduate of Fike High School, Peace College, where she received her associate's degree, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received her bachelor of arts degree. She is a fashion merchandiser and buyer.

Her husband is a graduate of Lake Taylor High School and Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he received his bachelor of science degree in political science and sociology. He is vice president of Southern Packing Corp. in Chesapeake, Va.

Following a wedding trip to St. Martin, French West Indies, the couple lives in Chesapeake.

In Memory of Arthur Shain Chapel Hill, N.C.

Arthur R. Shain of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Aug. 10, 1991. He was 67.

Mr. Shain was the owner of Shain's Jewelers in Lumberton, N.C., until his retirement several years ago. The Wilmington, N.C. native was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served in the Navy as a medic in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Mr. Shain was a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council, the board of trustees of Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, and was an adviser to Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity at UNC. Mr. Shain was a past president and past treasurer of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Shain; son, Michael Shain of Chapel Hill; daughter, Joy Shain of Eugene, Ore.; mother, Anna Lema of Miami Beach; sister, Lillian Kent of Boca Raton, Fla.; brother, Herbert Shain of Atlanta; and two grandchildren.

WRITER, who is researching the movement of Jews from Europe to the Southeast United States during 1900-1950 period, wants to interview people with interesting and funny anecdotes.

Please contact David Schulman, 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804, or call COLLECT (704) 254-9250.

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News from Greensboro

Beth David Rabbi

Rabbi Eliezer Havivi is the new spiritual leader of Beth David Synagogue. Rabbi Havivi has just moved here from Israel where he was an educational administrator at Haifa University.

Previous positions include High Holy Day pulpits at Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook, Ill. (1989-1990). He has also served as a lecturer, educational director and director of Camp Ramah.

Rabbi Havivi and wife, Judy, have two children, ages 6 and 1.

Jewish Family Service Director Hired

Barbara Chaiken has been hired to head the newly created Jewish Family Service of the Greensboro Jewish Federation.

Born in Wilmington, Del., Chaiken received her master's in social work from UNC-Chapel Hill with a focus on marriage and family counseling. She has worked with clients of all ages in a variety of settings including mental health agencies, eating disorder clinics, a women's center and in private practice.

Chaiken serves on the board of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation, having co-chaired the Operation Moses Campaign, annual phon-athons, Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations and educational programs.

Chaiken lives in Chapel Hill with her husband, Bert Chessin (the leader of the local Klezmer band, Di Yiddishe Bande), and two sons.

Free Community Lectures

The Greensboro Jewish Federation Adult Education Committee will once again sponsor three Sunday evening community lectures this fall. Debby Miller, chairperson of the Jewish Education Committee, is very excited about this year's series: "This promises to be the best program yet!"

Heading the star-studded cast of speakers, and returning for a repeat

performance on October 13, will be Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, a well-known writer, scholar and lecturer. His most recent book, *Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History,* published in April, selects and describes the 346 most important concepts, events and personalities of the Bible, Judaism and Jewish history. Telushkin is currently writing a book on Jewish humor, *The Fifty Best Jewish Jokes and What They Show About Jews.* Affiliated with the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), Telushkin was previously the director of education at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Southern California.

Arthur Kurzweil, whose name has become synonymous with Jewish genealogy and the pursuit of family history, will give the second lecture on November 17. He is the author of *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History* and a textbook, *My Generations: A Course in Jewish Family History.*

The final lecturer on December 15 will be the returning Rabbi Donniel Hartman, director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in North America and the Judaic Scholar-In-Residence of the Jewish Community Center on the Palisades in New Jersey. After making *aliyah,* Hartman spent eight years in advanced Talmudic academics in Israel and was one of the founding members of Israel's Orthodox peace movement.

All lectures are free and open to the community. Lectures will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue. For additional information, contact the Federation office, (919) 272-3189.

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

by Terri Kane

The annual Hadassah Donor Luncheon will be Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Providence Country Club.

The guest speaker will be Rhesa Shapiro, who is a member of the National Board of Hadassah. Mrs. Shapiro is from Minneapolis, where she is an interior designer, is married and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

The luncheon will feature a fashion show presented by Dillard's.

The cost is $13 per person, and each person is asked to pledge a donation. Money raised from this event will go toward Hadassah charities, most notably Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

Chapter members Marsha Smith and Vivian Mallins are co-chairs of this year's luncheon, which is always a highlight of the year.

The Blue Moons

Three months after participating in a lip-sync competition at the Jewish Community Center's Sock Hop, The Blue Moons entered and won first place in a citywide competition held at the Holiday Inn. During the next year-and-a-half, the Charlotte based COMEDY LIP-SYNC GROUP expanded and now offers complete DJ services. The "Moons", (dressed in blue jeans, tee shirts and leather jackets) specializes in songs from the '50s and '60s. They've been performing and providing DJ services weekly at Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Anniversaries, Wedding Rehearsal Dinners, Country Clubs, Corporate Parties, Reunions and a variety of other events, both public and private. The Blue Moons customizes their performance (and DJ musical selections) to each affair. The group, which incorporates musical instruments into its continuously changing act is comprised of six men: Bill "Vito" Bowen, Jerry "Rocco" Davidson, Larry "Bruno" Gerber, Phil "Vinnie" Joffe, Steward "Carmine" Scher, and Norman "Anthony" Shapiro.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Lubavitch of North Carolina has recently purchased 4-1/2 acres of land on Sardis Road in southeast Charlotte. The land will provide immediate use of the two existing buildings on the property, with part of the growing Preschool and the administrative offices moving to the site.

The move has allowed for the accommodation of the constant growth at Lubavitch, especially with the expansion of its Day School and Preschool.

The purchase was made possible by the generous support of several Jewish families in Charlotte, who recognized the need for more adequate space for Lubavitch, and appreciate its activities in Charlotte.

Lubavitch of North Carolina was established in November of 1980 as an education center for the Carolinas. It became a source for Jewish programming, not only for Charlotte, but for communities all over the Carolinas.



The new JEM Baron Arts Center at Lubavitch in Charlotte.

The JEM Baron Arts Center

On the new site sits a beautiful new little school building with tall arched windows, surrounded by an attractive landscaped playground. This new building is the JEM BARON ARTS CENTER.

The center was completed in time for the new school year, and is currently being used daily by the most junior group in the Preschool. The center which occupies a free standing building is an attractive home for creative arts and early child development at the school.

A generous grant by Marvin Baron and his son, Andrew Baron, made this vitally needed project possible. The benevolence of the Baron family allowed us to start school in time. The edifice is indeed a beautiful addition to the school.

The Center is named in memory of Elaine Baron and her sons, Jonathan and Michael, of blessed memory. "It is a proud moment for my father and me to do this significant deed which helps enhance Jewish education," said Andrew Baron. "We are proud of the accomplishments of Lubavitch in Charlotte and we look forward to its continued growth."

Lubavitch Day School and Preschool

The new school year brings new excitement to Lubavitch Day School and Preschool. The arrival of new teachers and students and a significant increase in school enrollment have added to the overall atmosphere and enthusiasm at the school.

As school opened, parents, teachers and school administration gathered at the school for an orientation meeting. After a delicious barbecue dinner, parents met with teachers in their children's classroom and received a full report on what to expect in the upcoming year.

Teachers welcomed parents with enthusiasm and eagerly related to them the many exciting projects planned for their child. Parents asked questions and examined the textbooks and material to be used during the year.

Many parents were pleasantly surprised to see the large increase in enrollment at the Day School and Preschool, and pledged greater involvement in the progress of the school. Fern Sanderson, school director, gave a general presentation and introduced the entire teaching staff to the parents.

The new school year came just a few short weeks before Rosh Hashanah. The Judaica teachers used their time efficiently and managed to teach the children the customs and traditions associated with the new year.

In addition to holidays and traditions, a complete Judaica curriculum has been prepared by Chanie Weiss. The Judaica rooms have been artistically decorated with ample color and life, which adds to the positive environment both for student and teacher.

Rabbi Mendel and Chayah Feigenson are welcomed to Charlotte as teachers at Lubavitch Day School. Rabbi Feigenson will not only teach at the school, but will instruct adult education and head the famed Lubavitch Mitzvah Campaign in Charlotte.

Lubavitch Day School and Preschool currently have more than 90 children enrolled. In addition, Lubavitch Talmud Torah has more than 60 children attending its religious school. That totals more than 150 children on a regular basis. Lubavitch also holds Friday night and Shabbat services at the Chabad House. Sunday morning services will be held at the new location.

New Year Ushered in with Great Anticipation for Wonders

Rosh Hashanah ushered in the year 5752. At Lubavitch this number has an important meaning. The Hebrew letters correspond to numbers, and the acronym for the new year is: Hayoh Th'ei Shnat Nifla'ot Bakol—which translates, "May this year be a year of wonders in everything!"

This year comes just after the year of "revealed wonders." 5751 indeed was a year of wondrous changes in the world. This year we look for wonders in every aspect of life.

The theme of the new year services at Chabad House in Charlotte was the wonders we should make in our own lives. By doing extraordinary good deeds we could affect wonders in our own little world and in the world at large.

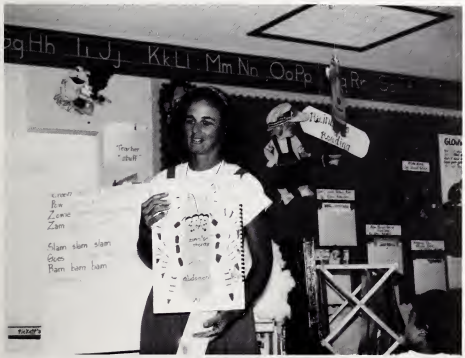
Services at Lubavitch for the High Holy Days attracted very large crowds, and there was a sense of earnestness by the participants who realized the importance of these special days.

There were also much joy and enthusiasm as people made good resolutions for the new year, with a commitment to growth in Judaism. The new year indeed promises to be a year of wonders in everything.

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Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Amy Carroll

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool at the Jewish Community Center welcomed Sharon Oxer as its new music teacher for children three to five years old. A native Charlottean, Oxer has a Master's in music education from Florida State University and is a member of the Charlotte Jewish Community.

The Preschool also welcomes its newest teachers for the 1991-1992 school year. Those teachers include: Ellen Wysmuller (2s); Megan Balich, Ellen Dubin and Donna Meehan (3s); and Cheri Wolf and Shannon Boice (4s). Robbie McGinley, formerly a teacher's assistant, has been promoted and is now a teacher for the four-year-olds. Shay Sharpe and Billha Halperin are the new teacher's assistants.

On Sept. 20, children in the 3s, 4s and pre-K programs made a trip to Temple Israel to decorate the Succah in time for Succot. All of the children enjoyed a special Shabbat program with Rabbi Scott White as well as snacks of Challah, jellies and jams. Later in the month, the four and five-year-olds were entertained by the Taradiddle Players during a special field trip to the Children's Theater in Charlotte.

October promises to be full of more excitement for the children as the Children's Theatre Outreach Program visits the kids at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool with a special children's program. On Oct. 16, the annual Bagels & Blocks will be held. On this day, dads share a bagel breakfast with the children and their teachers.

Of course, every Friday morning is an event at the Preschool with our special Shabbat programs. On Sept. 27, our service was led by Joel Goldman, educational director for Temple Beth El V'Shalom. The Oct. 10 service will be led by Roz Cooper, the educational director for Temple Israel; Rabbis Scott White, Temple Israel, and Robert Seigel, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, will lead the services on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18, respectively. The Shabbat Programs begin at 9:30 am; parents are invited and encouraged to attend.



Charlotte Jewish Preschool four-year-olds gather around their teacher for Circle Time and one of their favorite stories.

Wake County Jewish Genealogical Society

by Barbara Levenbook

The Wake County Jewish Genealogical Society announces a workshop on Jewish Genealogy on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 2-4 p.m. at the Temple Beth Or Library, 5315 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh, N.C.

The fee for non-members will be $10 per person, payable at the door; members, free. Please register by Oct. 11. For further information, or to register by phone, call Barbara Levenbook at (919) 847-1862.

N.C. B'nai B'rith Association Installs New Officers

The North Carolina B'nai B'rith Association installed its new officers for the 1991-1992 year at Wrightsville Beach, NC, during a candle lighting ceremony.

The new officers are: Bernard Rabunsky, president, Wilmington; Scott Gorelick, president-elect, Charlotte; Gary Mendelson, vice-president, Fayetteville; Richard Deutsch, vice-president, Raleigh; Dr. Scott Menaker, recording secretary, Charlotte; and Sandy Retchin, treasurer, Wilmington.

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Peninnah Schram

Peninnah Schram Highlights Fifth Annual Book and Author Evening, November 24 Charlotte, N.C.

On Nov. 24, 1991, a full day program celebrating Jewish Book Month will be co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte, Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, and the Speizman Jewish Library.

The highlight of the Jewish Book Fair to be held at Shalom Park (5007 Providence Rd.) on Nov. 24 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and from 6:15 p.m.-7 p.m. will be Peninnah Schram, author and storyteller, presenting her newest book, *Tales of Elijah the Prophet.* This book is a brilliant and multi-colored portrait of Elijah and his role in Jewish life and tradition throughout the ages.

Recognized as the "Queen of Storytellers," Peninnah is also a teacher, recording artist and author. She is associate professor of speech and drama at Stern College of Yeshiva University. Peninnah is also the director of the Jewish Storytelling Center at the 92nd Street Y.M.H.A. in New York City; is coordinator of the Jewish Storytelling Network; and co-editor of the national *Jewish Storytelling Newsletter.*

Through the masterful use of her voice, her animated facial expressions and the spoken word, Peninnah reaches out to involve her adult listeners in the story. Selecting only stories that she loves, she takes adult audiences on a magical journey. Don't miss this very special evening!

The program is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 24. Tickets will be $3.00 at the door; students and seniors, $1.00. In addition to *Tales of Elijah the Prophet* ($25), two of Peninnah's other books, *Eight Tales For Eight Nights: Stories For Chanukah,* a children's Chanukah book ($18) and *Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another* ($25) will also be available for your purchase at discounted prices at the JCC front desk and during the Book Fair. Peninnah will be delighted to autograph your copy during the Book Fair (6:15-7 p.m. only) and after the program.

Hadassah and the JCC are asking for patrons to contribute at a variety of levels. There is a Grand Patron category for $250, Patron for $100, and Benefactor for $36 per couple. Contributors in the top two categories will receive an autographed, complimentary copy of *Tales of Elijah the Prophet.* There will be a reception immediately following the program for all levels of contribution.

Any inquiries concerning the Book Fair or guest storyteller can be made to Amalia Warshenbrot, librarian at the Speizman Jewish Library (704) 366-5007.

Out-of-towners may use the facilities of the Jewish Community Center free of charge for the entire day, Nov. 24. Call Fran Rosenberg to make arrangements, (704) 366-5007.

BABI YAR (cont. from page 5)

September 29th is to be observed by the city of Kiev as the "Day of Memory and Sorrow" with flags flying at half-mast. While public prayers by religious organizations are also to be held on that day, the Jewish community of Kiev has chosen October 6th for the memorial service. (September 29 is Simchat Torah). A half-century after the Babi Yar Holocaust, the Kaddish can finally be intoned.

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Halailah B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel S. Rosenfeld

Halailah's September board meeting was held at the home of Janet Gorelick on Sept. 3. Gail Rubinson, Vicki Hopkins and Laura Sutton, guest speakers, discussed the goals and accomplishments of BBW and how Halailah fits into the overall BBW picture.

September's Community Volunteer Service projects included assembling and distributing ten High Holiday baskets; the continuation of "Read-Up," a program where volunteers read weekly to children in a Dalton Village Daycare Center. Halailah also donated and helped to set up a lending library for the children of Dalton Village. Plans are underway to develop a listening library of audiotape recordings of books. If you would like to help with the "Read-Up" project, please contact Lisa Pharr at (704) 365-4692.

A very successful Personal Giving event was held on Sept. 26. Susan Bruck, vice president of B'nai B'rith Women, shared a slide show presentation on the Children's Home in Israel.

Our next board meeting will be held on Oct. 8 at the home of Maddie Joffe. Our next program meeting will be on Oct. 15 at the Randolph Park Apartments Clubhouse. In keeping with this year's theme of "The Emotional Well Being of Children" Jane Marcus child psychologist, and Nicki Levine, attorney with the Children's Law Center, will be our guest speakers.

Look for details of upcoming events in November and December including a program on home video editing, a Hunter House shower, an evening of clothing sorting at Crisis Assistance Ministries, and a fun-filled ladies-night-out fundraiser. In addition to these projects and programs, Halailah will continue to support the Becky Shulimson Library fund and our foster family.

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National CAJE Conference Sets Attendance Record

by Lenora Stein
Director of Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

It would take more than Hurricane Bob's battering Long Island or the thwarted coup in the Soviet Union to stop almost 2300 Jewish educators from convening at the 16th annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., Aug. 18-22, 1991. A record number of North Carolina Jewish educators attended.

Over 800 workshop sessions were held, including two given by Charlotteans: Lenora Stein and Roz Cooper presented a *lehrhaus* on the "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah" Jewish family education program model pioneered in Charlotte; and Joel Goldman presented a session on the teaching of Jewish history.

From *minyamin* representing the broad spectrum of American Jewish experience, to early morning and late afternoon *Torah Liskmah* (Torah for its own sake) sessions; from a Jewish computer center to a massive educational resource center; from a Jewish commercial educational marketplace unrivalled anywhere to Jewish entertainment programs featuring the likes of Debbie Friedman, Gloria Faidman, Kol B'sader, Schlock Rock, and a host of other Jewish performing stars; from *havayot* (hands on trips into the New York Jewish community) to Jewish university courses for credit—the CAJE Conference experience was an unparallelled celebration of Jewish education on the edge of the 21st century.

There were not enough hours in the day to absorb every aspect that the CAJE Conference 16 had to offer! I took the opportunity to participate in a brand new CAJE pilot project offering, the Open University. I spent the week in an intensive course for master's credit, studying with Dr. Sherry Blumberg of Hebrew Union College. The course, which involves completion of a follow-up paper this fall, was "Educational Theory for



The North Carolina delegation at CAJE 16 at Hofstra University, August 1991. (L. to R., front row) Joel Goldman, Temple Beth El V'Shalom, Charlotte; Cheri Titlebaum, Temple Israel, Charlotte; Patti Weisman, Charlotte Jewish Preschool; Michele Pas, Beth El Synagogue, Durham; (L. to R., back row) Roz Cooper, Temple Israel, Charlotte; Carol Klein, Charlotte Jewish Preschool; Karen Cohen, Beth Meyer Synagogue, Raleigh; Rabbi Michael Cain, Bayt Shalom, Greenville; Sue Brodsky, Consolidated High School, Charlotte; Cookie Cohen, Beth David, Greensboro; Eve Kedem, Judea Reform, Durham; Hudi Gross, Beth El Synagogue, Durham; Rabbi Robert Waxman, B'nai Israel, Wilmington; Lenora Stein, CAJE, Charlotte; (not pictured, Chanie Weiss, Lubavitch of N.C., Charlotte).

Jewish Education" and represents the same course work completed by candidates at the New York School of Jewish Education for HUC. It was an exciting chance to focus on developing a personal philosophy of Jewish education which gives a theoretical, foundational model to the vision of CAJE in the Carolinas. I look forward, at future CAJE Conferences, to taking advantage of the opportunities for such intensive study.

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Editor's Note: *The best selling book,* ***Chutzpah*** *by Alan Dershowitz, has evoked a variety of reactions from some of the 'established' Jewish organizations. We have selected two of those reviews for your interest.*

Chutzpah and Jewish Pride

by Albert Vorspan
Senior Vice President of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations

In his best-selling *Chutzpah,* Alan Dershowitz claims that American Jews suffer from an immobilizing fear of their gentile neighbors, resulting in a self-imposed second-class citizenship: Jewish leaders are cowards because they feel they are guests in somebody else's home. His prescription is for Jews to be more assertive in support of Jewish interests. Paraphrasing Professor Higgins in "My Fair Lady," he asks: "Why can't all Jews be like me?"—swashbuckling, daring, proud and full of chutzpah.

Regretably, the brilliant Harvard law professor has it all wrong. The American Jewish community has many faults, but timidity is hardly one of them. We make no bones about using our public clout in behalf of Israel, Soviet Jewry, separation of church and state and every other Jewish cause. We are unafraid to take on Presidents or Popes, Supreme Court nominees or Jesse Jacksons—and to do so loudly and boldly. Moreover, Mr. Dershowitz not only slanders so-called "Jewish establishment" figures (the American Jewish Congress has threatened to sue him and is taking him to a Beit Din or rabbinic court); he sells our country short as well. Thanks in part to strong and effective Jewish participation in public affairs, America today is a more open and pluralistic society—in which Jews play a prominent role in politics, culture, business, education and most aspects of American life—than it has ever been.

Speaking personally, I have been active in Jewish public service for 40 years. During that time, I have learned to respect the Anti-Defamation League, for its vigorous fight against anti-Semitism; the American Jewish Committee, for its tough-minded interfaith work; the American Jewish Congress, for its boldness on church-state and civil liberty issues; the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), for consistent efforts on behalf of Israel, and Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center, for unflagging leadership in civil rights legislation.

Alan Dershowitz treats all this as an interesting side-show. In the main tent is the super-Jew (initials A.D.) throttling anti-Semites, saving Israel, liberating Natan Scharansky from the *gulag,* standing up to Polish cardinals and championing Jewish interests everywhere. He denounces the "self-appointed" leadership of the American Jewish Congress for meeting with the anti-Semitic Cardinal Glemp in Poland. But the officers of the American Jewish Congress are elected by their membership; who elected Dershowitz? Who authorized him to create a crisis in Catholic-Jewish relations by deciding to slap Cardinal Glemp with a much-publicized summons in behalf of his client, Rabbi Avi Weiss, the moment the Primate sets foot in America?

The author of *Chutzpah* also calls on the Jewish community to speak up for Jonathan Pollard, another Dershowitz client, now in prison for selling American military secrets to Israel. But Israel's action in running an America-Jewish spy was a tactic of mind-boggling recklessness. The organized Jewish community has rejected Mr. Dershowitz's demand not because it is spineless, as the lawyer asserts, but because it is wise. Jonathan Pollard is no Dreyfus and Alan Dershowitz is no Zola.

If American Jews followed Mr. Dershowitz's advice, they would show the kind of blind loyalty that led many blacks to rally around Mayor Barry of Washington, D.C. and also around Tawana Brawley, in her bogus campaign. But Jews are different. We condemn Jews, too if, like the late Meir Kahane, they stand for racism and evil, or if, like Ivan Boesky and Rabbi Bernard Bergman, they betray both American law and Jewish ethics.

When Jews condemn such trespasses, even when they are committed by Jews, such actions do not reflect self-hatred, as the author of *Chutzpah* incessantly maintains, but a self-respect and political maturity rare in American group life. The truth is that it takes a lot more courage for a Jew to criticize other Jews when they err, or Israel when it is wrong, than it does to skewer the oddball cranks and kooks who write Alan Dershowitz hate letters and which he reproduces, page after page, to prove how bad anti-Semitism has become.

Professor Dershowitz has written a provocative but fundamentally flawed book. Still, it will make a good movie—even better than "Reversal of Fortune," in which Ron Silver played the Harvard law professor turned legal eagle. This time, Arnold Schwarzenegger can play the author. They can call the film "The Chutzpadic Terminator", and in the last scene all the anti-Semites will die of subpoena envy.

The following book review is reprinted with permission from the NEAR EAST REPORT (Aug. 26, 1991) and from the author:

We Need More *Chutzpah*

by Dr. Mitchell G. Bard
Editor of NEAR EAST REPORT

No one who attended Alan Dershowitz's AIPAC Policy Conference Speech in 1989 is likely to forget it. His autobiography *Chutzpah* is equally memorable and should serve as a manifesto for the pro-Israel community.

From its first paragraph, in which Dershowitz exhorts Jews to be more aggressive in claiming the first-class status to which we are entitled, *Chutzpah* is a clarion call for

Jewish political action.

Dershowitz recounts his battles at Harvard and elsewhere on a variety of civil rights issues. He finds it difficult to understand "why some of the most vitriolic anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist rhetoric seemed to be emanating from those with whom we had marched hand in hand, promising to 'overcome' racism and religious bigotry."

The problem is particularly acute on campuses where thought police determine what is politically correct. "Over the years, we have grown accustomed to anti-Jewish propaganda from the extreme right and, more recently, from the extreme left. What is relatively new is the growing acceptability of anti-Jewish bigotry among some intellectuals, university students, and moderate black and Third World leaders," Dershowitz writes.

He suggests "anti-Semitism" is not a strong enough word to describe bigotry toward Jews and coins a new term, "Judeopath," to describe someone with a pathological hatred of Jews.

The Middle East Context

As a human rights crusader, Dershowitz has objected to certain Israeli policies, but he also cautions against the use of double-standards. "Though Israel may often be deserving of criticism, what is missing," he says, "is the comparable criticism of equal or greater violations by other countries and other groups. This constant, often legitimate criticism of Israel for every one of its deviations, when coupled with the absence of legitimate criticism of others, creates the impression currently prevalent on university campuses and in the press that Israel is among the worst human rights violators in the world. . .It is not true, but if it is repeated often enough, it takes on a reality of its own."

He adds that criticism of Israel is usually without context. "The last thing that many Arab provocateurs and their supporters *really* want is Israeli compliance with the highest standards of civil liberties in responding to the violence. That would mute the impact of their grievances."

While acknowledging that constraints on freedom are greater than he would like, Dershowitz notes that "Arabs within the territories find they are freer to condemn Israel than to criticize the PLO or to support Israel." He calls the Palestinian press in the West Bank "the freest press in the entire Arab world," notes that elections in the territories would "be the freest elections in Arab history" and that the "most independent judiciary to which Arabs have access anywhere in the Middle East is the Israeli court system."

"Never before in history has an occupying power been expected to extend to those it occupies all of the rights enjoyed by its *own* citizens," Dershowitz observes. "It is in the nature of an occupation that many of the rights exercised by citizens will not be available to the occupied population. That was certainly true when the United States occupied Germany and Japan following World War II."

Human Rights

Dershowitz also has harsh words for Palestinians claiming to be concerned about human rights. "There are no Palestinian *human* rights organizations. There are Palestinian *Palestinian* rights organizations, whose sole purpose is to maximize the rights and goals of Palestinians." He notes that no Palestinian groups work on behalf of persecuted Jewry; in fact, they do the opposite, as when they call for a halt to Soviet Jewish emigration.

The Harvard professor's attitude toward dealing with the arguments of the anti-Israel lobby is instructive, "I worried about their influence, just as I worried about the influence of any irrational anti-Semites or other do-badders," he said. "The arguments were tactical, not moral. One does not debate morality with immoralists."

On the subject of immoralists, Dershowitz acknowledges it is sometimes necessary to deal with terrorists to save lives. What he finds scandalous is that much of the world has gone further and honored them. "The standing ovation accorded Yasir Arafat—the architect of international terrorism—by many UN representatives in Geneva in 1988 will live in infamy. The willingness of world statesmen—including the Pope and other moral leaders—to treat Arafat as a person deserving of tribute is beyond moral comprehension."

Dershowitz also believes the U.S. position at the UN is misguided because *"it operates on a single standard in an organization that operates on a double standard.* Without the United States' single-standard votes, the organization's double standard would fail." He concludes that the U.S. should not condemn Israel at the UN, even when it deserves censure, because doing so perpetuates the double standard.

The Jewish Megaphone

It should come as no surprise that someone as outspoken as Dershowitz would have an opinion on Israeli policy. He opposes Israeli occupation, for example, but is reluctant to "participate in the cacophonous chorus of know-it-all criticism" because he knows his family does not have to live with the consequences of Israeli decisions. In general, he cautions against public criticism of Israel because the opinions of Jews are magnified.

Whereas critics see Israelis as having a "Holocaust complex," Dershowitz finds their attitude understandable. "Too few understand why Israel cannot and should not trust its survival to nations that stood ic'ly by while millions of innocent Jews were destroyed. Too many nations seem willing to have ˙srael take risks for an uncertain regional peace that they themselves are unwilling to take for a more important world peace."

As a proponent of promoting the image of Jews as powerful, Dershowitz says, "when the 'Jewish Lobby' defeats an enemy of Israel or of the Jews, we should proudly proclaim the victory of justice over injustice. When 'Jewish contributors' influence the outcome of a media campaign, we should declare a victory of truth over falsity. When 'Jewish wisdom' outsmarts those who would destroy us, we should sing the praises of 'brains over brawn.' When 'Jewish ethics' persuade disinterested others to support our moral high ground over the hypocrisy of those who would apply a double standard, we should glory in the vindication of right over wrong."

We should also glory in having Alan Dershowitz fighting

with us. He can be sure his epitaph will not be anything like the one he believes Felix Frankfurter deserves: "He could have helped, but didn't. He could have believed, but he wouldn't. He placed his own interests before those of his fellow Jews."

The Shawl

by Cynthia Ozick
Vintage International 70 pp. $7.95 paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The *New York Times Book Review* judges Cynthia Ozick the best American writer to have emerged in recent years. In *The Shawl*, two of her short stories are reprinted. They were awarded First Prize in the annual *O. Henry Prize Stories* collection.

The first is an eight page story; the second a short novella of 58 pages. Together they tell of the life of Rosa Lublin, whose infant was killed in a concentration camp. *The Shawl* describes the imprisonment, the struggle to survive and the horror which is unspeakable, about which Cynthia Ozick dares to speak. Her description is vivid and poetic.

In *Rosa*, the later life of the survivor is presented. She now lives in Florida, supported by her niece, who was with her in the concentration camp, and whose life she saved. Therefore the niece feels responsible for Rosa, but the older woman is a shell of her original self, remembering and living in the past.

Both of these stories were included in the *Best American Short Stories*. They are painful to read, but the depiction is powerful.

Gates of Awe: Holy Day Prayers for Young Children

by Robert Orkand, Joyce Orkand, Howard I. Bogot
Illustrated by Neil Waldman
CCAR Press 176 pp. $9.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Gates of Awe: Holy Day Prayers for Young Children, ages preschool through six years, is the second in a series for young children. The first was *Gates of Wonder: A Prayerbook for Very Young Children*.

The book is ideal for home use, as well as in the congregation. Its simple liturgy is printed in large Hebrew letters and in English, well spaced and attractive. The language is simple and gender-neutral.

The full-color illustrations accompany almost every page, and are the work of award-winning artist Neil Waldman.

The co-authors are deeply committed to the education of children. Rabbi Bogot is director of the Department of Religious Education and the National Association of Temple Educators of The Union of Hebrew American Congregations. Rabbi Orkand is a member of the Commission on Jewish Education and the publications committee of the CCAR. Joyce Orkand is a kindergarten teacher and holds a master's degree in early childhood education.

This book appeals to us, as we feel certain it will delight small children.

The address of CCAR Press is 192 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.

On Being A Jew: What Does It Mean to be a Jew? A Conversation about Judaism and Its Practice in Today's World

by James Kugel
Harper San Francisco 191 pp. $17.95

What does it mean to be a Jew? It is one of the most asked questions among educated, young Jewish people today. In *On Being a Jew*, a Jewish graduate student and poet, planning to marry a Presbyterian, comes to an older, Sephardic Jewish banker for advice. The book is their conversation, and you're invited to listen in as James Kugel develops a persuasive, witty case for observant Judaism.

We have the American graduate student in literature, Judd Lewis, who is starting from scratch with Jewish education and identity, and Albert Abbadi, a Syrian Sephardic Jew, who becomes Judd's "Jewish Uncle" and teacher, putting up with Judd's assimilated American upbringing. *On Being a Jew* takes us along with Judd as he is introduced to his heritage and to himself, finding Judaism strange, inviting and repellent at the same time. *On Being a Jew* is an eminently readable and accessible book. It is also a contemporary equivalent of the medieval classic, *The Kuzari*, on which the format is modeled, making it all the more intriguing.

As the conversation untolds, we listen as these two very different men work to communicate and are often very much at odds with one another. In this extremely enjoyable, effective presentation, *On Being a Jew* leads the participants and the listeners through a wide range of good questions: Why shouldn't a Jew marry a Christian? What does it mean to keep the Sabbath? And essential, day by day issues of living a Jewish life—what does it mean to live by a specific set of actions that turn everyday life into an instrument of God's service, and by doing so find an understanding of God?

The conversation is sometimes amusing, often deeply moving, and at all times thoughtful, challenging and realistic. Kugel is advocating a full participation in Judaism that meets the challenges of every contemporary pressure on Jewish life, including the current divisions of Judaism.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg, president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, says *On Being a Jew* is "a book for seekers . . .It deserves to be read, to be learned from, to be argued with, to be lived." It is a stirring reflection on some of the deepest and most cherished themes of Judaism. For everyone seeking to resolve what it means to be a Jew—students, parents, rabbis—*On Being a Jew* is a wonderful and ideal book. It will make a fine gift for all young Jewish people who seek learning about the religious nature of their rich cultural heritage.

James Kugel is Starr Professor of Hebrew Literature at Harvard University. He is the author of *In Potiphar's House: The Interpretive Life of Bibli-*

cal Texts, The Idea of Biblical Poetry, and the forthcoming *The Traditional Bible.* He lives in Newton, Mass.

The Religious World of Jesus: An Introduction to Second Temple Palestinian Judaism

by Frederick J. Murphy
Abingdon Press 406 pp. paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Frederick J. Murphy is associate professor and chair of the Department of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. In *The Religious World of Jesus,* he offers a great deal of information gleaned from original sources.

Current scholarship and research are making an unprecedented effort to understand the civilization about which this book was written, and in my estimation, Frederick Murphy has studied more sources than most biblical historians. In consulting the traditional sources of the Bible, Josephus and The New Testament, he has compared their reporting critically, and his description of the Dead Sea Scrolls is more enlightening than usual descriptions concerning them.

Sources used included also books of Pseudepigrapha, Hagiographa and excerpts from many ancient writings which were excluded from the Bible and New Testament when they were finalized in their present forms. Some of the titles will be new to most readers.

Of particular importance is the fact that the author attempts to reveal the biases of the writers of the ancient literature and to separate history from propaganda. He demonstrates the complete Jewishness of Jesus and contradicts the idea that Jesus was opposed to the teaching of Torah. He strives to eradicate old prejudices.

In combining studies of culture, religion, economics and politics, he is presenting a newer approach than many have been given heretofore. He is concerned with original languages of texts and illustrates some of the errors in translation which have led to misunderstanding.

The Religious World of Jesus should be read by all who wish a clearer understanding of the diverse Judaism during the centuries of the Second Temple.



Theatre Review of *The Dybbuk*

by Hilary and Lois Simon
Greensboro, N.C.

The world-class masterpiece works its magic once again. This time it was in High Point, N.C. in the world premiere of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival's new translation and adaptation of S. Ansky's *The Dybbuk* by Imre Goldstein.

Mr. Goldstein who also directed the play is currently planning a theatre workshop at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. Recently returned to America, Goldstein spent 14 years in Israel where he served as head of the acting/directing program at the University of Tel Aviv. He had produced *The Dybbuk* many times for the Habima National Theatre in Israel, and wanted to make the turn-of-the-century Yiddish play relevant to American theatre-goers in the 1990s.

A gala opening evening, August 24, played to a full house which enjoyed the high drama wrapped in the deep faith conveyed, and witnessed the triumph of the power of love. The veteran actors of the Shakespeare Festival brought the characters to life in a riveting and poignant performance which testifies to the truly professional level of the repertory theatre. Clearly, the Festival's actors enjoyed the delightful yet difficult departure into the village life *(shtetl)* of Russia at the turn of the twentieth century, and did so with authenticity and ease. Amazingly, only one member of the cast was Jewish. It was a testament to Mr. Goldstein's directing skill that the actors' *davening, shukeling,* body language and inflections felt very Jewish to the audience who saw *The Dybbuk* during its four-week run.

The beautiful ending of *The Dybbuk* was haunting where the reunited couple rises in upward motion in beams of light, together heading for another world now that their love has conquered all in a world gone astray.

Imre Goldstein's adaptation not only transformed the High Point theatre's stage specifically for *The Dybbuk,* but also the delicate and impacting dialogue of the characters was being requoted by guests at the gala reception which followed due to the beauty of the lines alone.

The gala reception was hosted by Pedro Silva, producer of the Shakespeare Festival, and his wife, Linda, at the Stage Deli Restaurant adjacent to the theatre in the Furniture Mart building. Foods included poached salmon, potato *knishes* and sweet delights such as strawberries with chocolate fondue and pastries.

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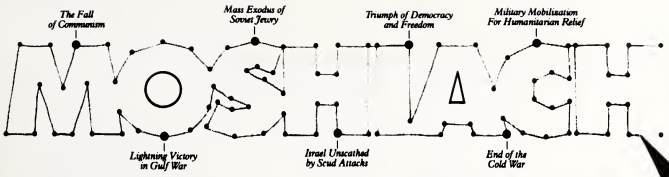
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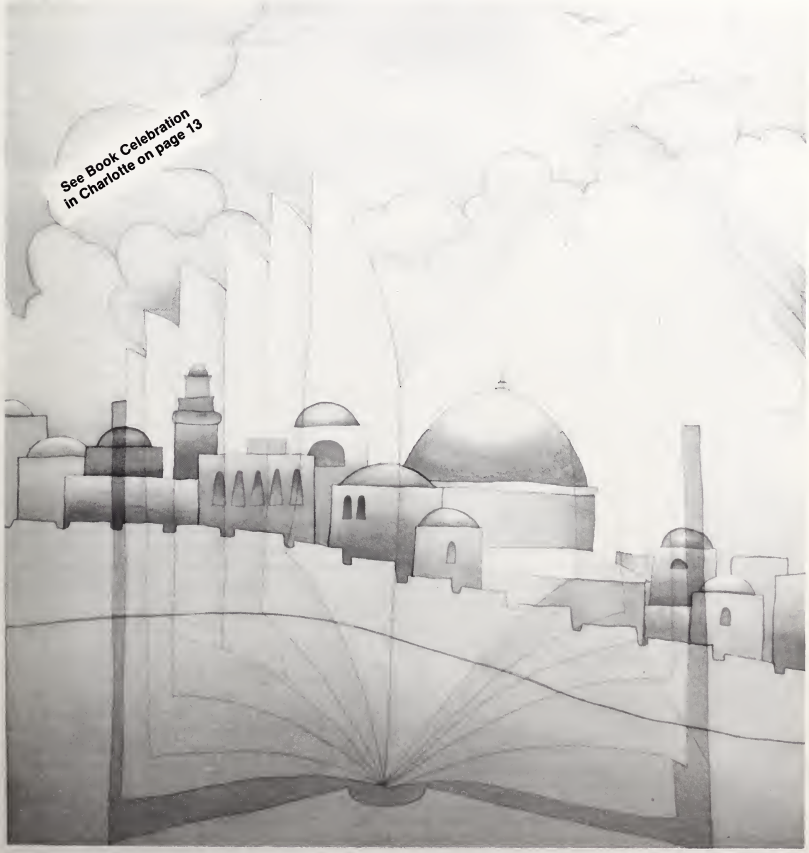
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Reflections on Crown Heights

by Irwin Suall

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Now that the violence in Crown Heights has subsided, it would be useful to examine what happened there and to draw some lessons. Herewith are a few reflections:

Diverse views have been expressed as to the nature of the crisis in Crown Heights. For example, some claimed the rioters weren't anti-Semitic, they were anti-white. Others said it was only the Hasidim, not Jews in general, whom the rioters opposed.

As the Anti-Defamation League's chief investigator of extremism and bigotry for the past 24 years, I believe such distinctions are lacking in insight. In my experience, hate is usually ecumenical. Just as Klansmen are anti-black, anti-Jewish, anti-Hispanic and anti-Asian, so were those Crown Heights rioters who shouted "Heil Hitler" almost certainly anti-Semitic and anti-white as well as anti-Hasidic. Furthermore, given the right circumstances, they would likely also reveal themselves to be anti-Hispanic and anti-Asian (remember the Korean greengrocer boycott in Brooklyn?).

An understandable if mistaken ambivalence also prevailed among many New Yorkers, Jewish as well as non-Jewish, during the crisis. Weren't the rioters themselves the victims of racial prejudice, they said, and didn't their anger warrant some sympathetic understanding even if their behavior was reprehensible? My answer would be that as victims they may deserve sympathy; yet, paradoxically, victimization seldom ennobles; and history demonstrates that those who have been victimized often seek to victimize others. When that occurs, it is profoundly mistaken to justify or excuse the wrong-doer. My years of researching right-wing extremism and racism have taught me that it is not uncommon there, too, to find those who have been victimized in their personal or social lives. Many neo-Nazi Skinheads, for example, are "throw-away kids" who come from broken homes. But from the standpoint of community interests as well as that of the miscreant himself, to respond to the wrongdoing by failing to call it by its right name or averting one's eyes is to invite repetition. That type of response teaches the culpable party and his would-be imitators the worst possible lesson: that bigotry, violence, rioting and looting are cost-free.

Whenever a menacing crowd of bigots, black or white, turns violent, the first order of business should be to stop the violence. That requires adequate police power and vigorous law enforcement. There ought to be arrests of as many as possible who are committing a crime. If it is a violation of law under ordinary circumstances to throw a rock at an innocent person or a brick through a store window, why should it be overlooked or treated as less of a crime when committed en masse against specific racial or religious groups (i.e., a pogrom)? If anything, the penalty should be stiffer. In fact, most states now have on their books, thanks in large part to the initiative of the Anti-Defamation League, statutes which increase the penalty for bias crimes.

To its shame, New York State has no such law, although Governor Cuomo, many legislators and civil rights organizations have repeatedly sought its adoption.

Finally, it is important that the outrageous behavior of a crowd of several hundred young hooligans and those who inflame them not be viewed as representative of the black community as a whole. The average citizen in Crown Heights is no more to be blamed than are the residents of Bensonhurst and Howard Beach for the earlier racial incidents. Not until we all acknowledge a measure of responsibility and do something about it will the troubles even begin to subside.

Mr. President: Tell Us All The Facts

by Lawrence J. Smith

U.S. Representative, 16th District, Florida

It was hard to watch President Bush's September 12 news conference without feelings of amazement and sadness. This was one of the most tactical performances ever by a chief executive. Warning that the U.S. was "up against some powerful political forces," President Bush pledged to use his veto power to stop Congress from moving ahead on loan guarantees to help Israel absorb a million new refugees.

The President warned that he wanted to avoid a "contentious debate" that would raise "issues so sensitive" that it might endanger the peace talks. He inveighed against "a thousand lobbyists" whom he claimed were working "the other side of the question." In actuality, those "thousand lobbyists" were everyday Americans, Jewish and Christian, exercising their constitutional rights. They let their repre-

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To the Editor

To The Editor:

The August 1991 session of the Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres was a memorable one, indeed!

The 13th season at the Wildacres Retreat, our "Bar Mitzvah Year Celebration Session," proved to be a *simcha* to remember.

Bringing the Yiddish language and culture to the Southeast has attracted *Yiddishists* from the entire U.S. and countries abroad. The success is due in large measure to outstanding programming, renowned speakers and performing artists and generous publicity and coverage provided by *The American Jewish Times Outlook*. Our sold-out Institutes attest to this. The *Times Outlook* has aided us immeasurably in strengthening Judaism through *Yiddishkeyt*, and we are most appreciative.

Ah shaynem dahnk!

Baila Pransky, coordinator
Charlotte Yiddish Institute

To the Editor:

Senator Sanford inserted a statement in the Congressional Record when 70 Senators introduced the Kasten-Inouye amendment in support of the Refugee Loan Guarantees on October 2, 1991.

The issue will be discussed in the Congress in January. Given the prominence of this issue in the media, I thought you would want to share this with your readers.

Sincerely,
Toby Dershowitz,
Director of Media Relations,
American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Senator Terry Sanford's Statement
Congressional Record - Oct. 2, 1991

Mr. President, I am in favor of the United States assisting the State of Israel in resettling Soviet and Ethiopian Jews by guaranteeing the repayment of sums it borrows for this purpose. This is neither a loan nor a grant; it simply permits Israel to borrow at more favorable rates. We have, it seems to me, a moral obligation to assist in this manner.

The necessity of building new housing and creating new jobs is a result of the acceptance of refugees from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia. It has for years been a major policy of this country to press the Soviet Union to permit Jews to emigrate. This resettlement serves our national policy, and illustrates dramatically a historic purpose of the State of Israel, a place where persecuted Jews may come as a matter of right to a homeland.

The President of the United States has expressed a desire to delay consideration of this guarantee until January. This delay has been resisted by a number of people in the Senate and elsewhere. However, in spite of the resistance, it is our President who holds the initiative for the peace talks in the Middle East. For this reason, he is entitled to the benefit of any reasonable doubt. We rely on him for the effort to bring to an end the long strife in this region. So, I must support our President's call for additional time.

This does not mean that I will favor linking the West Bank issues with the loan guarantee. I will not.

From the beginning, we helped keep Israel strong in a hostile neighborhood. Our policy should be to help Israel remain strong, should be to use our good offices to facilitate peace discussions, and we should be willing to let the nations debate and determine between themselves their longstanding differences.

Editor's Note: There were 70 Senators who co-sponsored the Kasten-Inouye Amendment on Oct. 2, 1991 which favored providing Israel with $10 billion in loan guarantees over the next five years. Mr. Sanford was among several other Senators who introduced their own strong statements of support for loan guarantees.

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Chanukah 5752

December 2-9, 1991

by Estelle Hoffman

Tradition in the Kitchen

Since Chanukah is very early this year, we are including customs and recipes in the November issue to help you be prepared. We light the first candle on Sunday evening, Dec. 1 and add a candle each night until we light eight candles on Dec. 8. Some suggestions for a festive meal follow:

Saucy Tongue



4 pounds tongue
1 onion, sliced
2 cloves garlic
2 bay leaves
cold water
3 tablespoons peanut oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup potato starch
2 cups cooled tongue stock
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1 lemon, sliced

In a large saucepan combine tongue, sliced onion, garlic and bay leaves. Cover with cold water. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer gently for 2 to 3 hours, or until tender. Remove from heat and allow the tongue to cool in the stock. Reserve 2 cups of stock for the sauce. Pour peanut oil into a small saucepan. Add chopped onion and cool until tender. Blend in potato starch. Slowly add the reserved cooled tongue stock, stirring to keep smooth. Add honey, raisins, salt and ginger. Continue cooking over medium heat until sauce has come to a boil and thickened. Add sliced lemon and continue cooking for 5 minutes. Serve the sauce over the sliced tongue. Serves 12.

From *Post & Opinion* by Covert & Gerson

If a dairy dish is preferred, we suggest:

Italian Style Sweet and Sour Fish

1-1/4 lbs. skinless fillets of firm fish
1 Tbsp. water
1 to 2 Tbsp. honey
3 Tbsp. red wine vinegar (or lemon juice)
2 Tbsp. olive oil
1/3 cup light or dark raisins
2 to 4 Tbsp. pine nuts or slivered almonds, preferably lightly toasted
1 tsp. dried mint leaves (or 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh spearmint leaves)

Put the fillets, in one layer, in a greased or non-stick spray-coated baking dish. Sprinkle the raisins and nuts over the fish. Combine water, honey, vinegar and olive oil and mix well. Pour mixture evenly over the fillets. Bake uncovered in a preheated 400° oven for 15 to minutes, or until they are cooked through but not falling apart. Baste once or twice during the cooking period. Makes about 6 servings as a first course.

From *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Gloria Kaufer Green (Times Books)

Fruit and Vegetable Tzimmes (Autumn Casserole)

3 large sweet potatoes (or yams), peeled and thinly sliced
4 large carrots, thinly sliced
1 small butternut squash, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced
1/4 cup dark raisins
1/4 cup light raisins
1/4 cup pitted prunes
1/4 cup chopped dates
Grated rind of 1 orange (colored part only)
Juice of 1 orange
2 Tbsp. packed brown sugar
1/4 cup honey or real maple syrup

In a greased or non-stick spray-coated 9 x 13-inch baking pan, layer the sweet potatoes, carrots, squash and dried fruit.

Sprinkle the top with the orange rind, juice, brown sugar and honey. Cover the pan with aluminum foil or a lid and bake it in a preheated 350° oven for about 1-1/2 hours, or until all vegetables and fruits are very tender. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

From *The Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Gloria Kaufer Greene (Times Books)

Broccoli Salad Marinated

3/4 pound broccoli flowerets
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil, or vegetable oil
2 teaspoons lemon and herb blend, divided
1/4 cup cider vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar (optional)

Sprinkle broccoli with 1/2 teaspoon lemon and herb blend and steam for 2 minutes. Rinse broccoli under cold water to cool; drain well. Combine onion, oil, vinegar, sugar and remaining lemon and herb blend in shallow dish. Add broccoli and toss to coat well. Cover and chill at least 3 hours, stirring occasionally. Serves 4.

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Potato Latkes

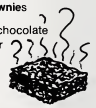


6 medium-sized potatoes
1 small onion
1 tsp. salt
1 egg
3 Tbsp. flour, matzo meal or bread crumbs
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Wash, pare and grate raw potatoes. Strain but not too dry and use juice for soup or sauce. If juice is retained, a little more flour will be needed for thickening. Grate and add the onion; add salt and the egg. Beat well. Mix remaining ingredients and beat into potatoes; mix well. Drop by spoonfuls into hot fat that is deep enough to almost cover the cake. Brown on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with applesauce, if desired. Serves 4 or 5. Best if eaten immediately, but may be kept warm in the oven.

From *Seasons of Our Joy*, Arthur Waskow (Beacon Press)

Good Ol' Brownies



4 sq. unsweetened baking chocolate
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter
3 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 cup flour
1/4 tsp. baking powder
Optional: chocolate chips and/or chopped nuts

Melt chocolate and butter together. Beat together eggs, sugar and vanilla. Mix flour and baking powder and add to the egg and sugar mixture. Add the melted chocolate and butter. Mix well until this mixture is smooth. Add chocolate chips and/or nuts if desired. Spread into an 11 x 7-inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

From *Jewish World*, Long Island, N. Y.

Seasons of Our Joy: A Celebration of Modern Jewish Renewal

by Arthur Waskow
Beacon Press 272 pp. $12.95 paperback

Since it was first published in 1982, *Seasons of Our Joy* has become a favorite guidebook to the Jewish holidays. It includes explanations of the place of each holiday in the cycle of the moon and the seasons, with discussions of the history of the holidays and their relation to the individual's spirituality.

There are detailed instructions on preparations for each festival, including songs, prayers and recipes. Most important to me is the depth of historical background given in this book, enhanced by new understanding of ancient traditions.

Arthur Waskow is a leading figure in the Jewish Renewal Movement that explores reinterpretations of tra-

ditional faith and observance for modern lifestyles and social concerns.

Seasons of Our Joy is enlived by illustrations by Martin Farren and Joan Benjamin-Farren. The September 1991 publication is a beautiful gift edition.

Chapter Six is entitled *Dark of the Sun, Dark of the Moon—Hanukkah.* We are pleased to reprint the following excerpts, with permission of the publisher.

". . .The nights are dark, and getting darker. And late in Kislev, we are close to the moment of the winter solstice—when the sun is also in exile. The day is at its shortest and the night at its longest, before the sunlight begins to return. It is the darkest moment of the year, the moment when it is easiest to believe that the light will never return, the moment it is easiest to feel despair.

"At this dark moment, we celebrate Hanukkah—the Feast of Dedication—by lighting candles for eight nights. Night after night, the candle-light increases. And night after night, we make our way into, through, and out of the darkness of the sun and moon. We experience and feel the turn toward light from the moment of darkness, the turn toward salvation from the moment of despair.

Origins

"Hanukkah is the only one of the traditional Jewish festivals for which we have a clear, nearly contemporaneous historical statement about how and why it started, on whose initiative. And yet. . .there remain some mysteries about its origins.

"To everyone it is clear that in its present form, Hanukkah dates back to the struggle led by the Maccabees—a family from the priestly tribe—against the Hellenistic overseers of the Land of Israel and against Hellenized Jews, from 169 to 166 B.C.E."

(The author then tells us that during the following century, the deeds of the Maccabees were recorded, and he quotes from the records in I and II Maccabees, books that were not included in our Bible. They were preserved, however, among the books



called "The Apocrypha" by the early Christian Church. Arthur Waskow has included some quotations from those books, written in Greek, probably written by Hellenized Jews.)

"For the classic Jewish view of the origins of Hanukkah, therefore, we must turn to the Talmud. Here we find Hanukkah in a most peculiar position. It is the only one of the traditional festivals that does not have a place in the Mishnah—the earlier level, or layer, of the Talmud. And in the later layer—the Gemara—it is treated in a very off-hand way, without the focused attention that is normal for deciding how to observe a holy day.

"The rabbis are discussing what kinds of candles may be used for Shabbos when one of them asks, rather casually, whether the rules for Hanukkah candles are different. They explore this for a bit, talk about how the candles are to be lit, and then one of them says, as if he cannot quite remember, 'What is Hanukkah?' They answer him:

'Our rabbis taught: On the twenty-fifth of Kislev (begin) the eight days of Hanukkah, on which lamentation for the dead and fasting are forbidden. For when the Greeks entered the Temple, they defiled all the oils in it, and when the Hasmonean dynasty prevailed over them and defeated them, they searched and found only enough for one day's lighting. Yet a miracle was brought about with it, and they lit (with that oil) for eight days. The following year they were established as a festival, with Hallel and Thanksgiving (Shabbat 21b).'

"And at once the rabbis go back to discussing the candles. They have no more to say about the internal divisions of the Jews, the revolt against Antiochus, the victory of the Maccabees, the rededication of the Temple. Why this cautious attitude toward Hanukkah?

"The reason is that the rabbis were not happy with the Maccabean approach to Jewish life. They were writing in the period when similar revolts against Rome, seeking to win the Jews political independence, to turn Judea into a rocky fortress, and to toughen the Jewish people had been systematically and brutally smashed by the iron fist of Rome. Only the rabbinical kind of power—the power not of rock but water, fluid and soft from moment to moment, and yet irrestible over the long run—had survived. Only the rabbinical kind of power had protected and preserved Jewish peoplehood."

The above is a sample of reports from varied sources that are given in considerable detail in *Seasons of Our Joy.*

Present Practice

In describing the ceremony of lighting the Hanukkah candles, the author again refers to history for different prescriptions by authorities.

The blessings to be recited before lighting the candles are given in Hebrew (transliterated) and English, followed by the words of traditional songs.

Other portions in the chapter on Hanukkah are *Torah Readings, Hanukkah Customs, New Approaches* and *Foods.* Further readings are suggested for additional study.

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sentatives know of their support for the loan guarantees and how a delay might end the chance for peace.

Beyond that, no one—not the Arabs, not the Soviets, not even the Palestinians—made a linkage or connection between the loan guarantees and the peace talks until the President raised the issue.

By refusing to say which "sensitive issues" might be affected by the loan guarantees, or who in the Arab world requested the delay, the President is asking Congress to back his policy on blind faith. This is the same President who dismissed Congressional protests and cultivated Iraq's Saddam Hussein until the day before the invasion of Kuwait. This is the same President who all but promised that after the Gulf war, the Saudis would make peace with Israel. The President's record hardly commands total confidence.

What is actually happening here? Why did the President raise the issue and the level of rhetoric?

Are the Arabs backing out of their commitment to attend the peace conference? The President refuses to say. When asked at his press conference which Arabs might not show up, he refused to answer the question. Have Arab leaders secretly asked the President to demand new concessions from Israel? Who knows? The President won't tell us.

Unfortunately, the Administration has staked out an extreme position. It provides cover for Arabs who would like to avoid genuine peacemaking with Israel. It encourages the Arabs to harden their positions. It even sends a message that the United States stands ready to "deliver" Israel.

The impact in the Arab world is already apparent. The Foreign Minister of Syria now says that granting the loan guarantees would be a "major obstacle to peace." But neither Syria nor Jordan ever made a delay a precondition for their participation in the peace talks, at least not publicly. Nor did they demand a settlement freeze as the price of their attendance at the peace conference.

By delaying the guarantees and demanding a halt to settlement activities, the administration is prejudging the ultimate disposition of the territories and predetermining the outcome of the peace talks. Without any incentive to compromise, the Arab states will not engage in meaningful negotiations. The President's decision thus threatens to doom the peace process.

The President's request for a delay raises a question of fairness. Israel already deferred its request for loan guarantees: despite pressing needs, it agreed in March to postpone its request until September. The administration used the promise of loan guarantees to encourage Israel to attend the peace conference. Israel responded positively. Indeed, according to the President, Israel reiterated its support for the peace process just a few days ago.

To broker a settlement, the United States needs all the credibility it can muster. But the President's delay might affect America's ability to mediate impartially, to abide by its commitments and to guarantee a peace treaty.

The request for a delay reinforces the most uncompromising elements in the Arab world. Islamic extremists and the Palestine Liberation Organization do not simply want a delay in the loan guarantees; they want a total cessation of Jewish immigration to Israel. Yasir Arafat and other Palestinian leaders supported the abortive Soviet Coup with the hope that the junta would stop Jewish emigration. A delay will only encourage this affinity for dictators and extremist solutions. It will reward the Arafats, the Qaddafis, the Saddam Husseins.

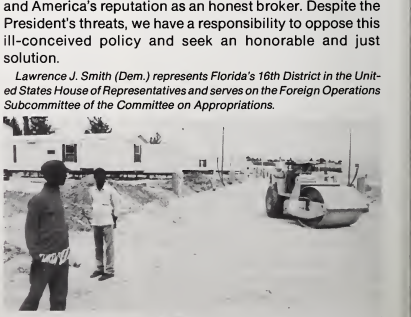
By requesting the delay, the President has unilaterally compromised Israel's negotiating position and strengthened its adversaries. Simple equity and common sense are at issue: the administration has addressed the loan guarantees, but not the $4 billion worth of arms sales to the Arab states that have been initiated since the end of the Gulf War. These sales and weapons deliveries already in the pipeline, pose a genuine risk to peace.

Meanwhile, no concurrent pressure is apparently being applied to the Arab states. When Syria refused last month to attend a Middle East water conference in Turkey if Israel were invited, Turkey chose to exclude Israel. The administration never characterized Syria's demand as a detriment to the peace process or publicly pressed Syria to relent. The Administration never characterized the rebuff of Israel as a rejection of American policy—which it was, since the United States continues to fully support the regional conference plan.

Saudi Arabia's renunciation of its pledge to join the peace talks was uncritically accepted. Democracy and pluralism are spreading in every corner of the globe except the Arab world. Democracy is surely the best guarantee of peace. Yet the administration has singled out settlements, not Arab autocracy, as the number one obstacle to peace. The imbalance is illogical and unwise.

Members of Congress do not want a confrontation with the President on this issue. No one doubts his desire for peace, but Mr. Bush's request for a delay threatens peace and America's reputation as an honest broker. Despite the President's threats, we have a responsibility to oppose this ill-conceived policy and seek an honorable and just solution.

Lawrence J. Smith (Dem.) represents Florida's 16th District in the United States House of Representatives and serves on the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations.



As new Ethiopian immigrants look on, a Jewish National Fund steamroller puts the finishing touches on a road in Maagalim, in the Negev desert.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Personals

In Memory of J. Herman Leder

Julian Herman Leder died on October 1, 1991 in his home in Whiteville, N.C. at the age of 90.

He had lived in Whiteville since 1925. On his 88th birthday, May 4, 1989, he was honored by the city for the contributions of "his time, energy, talent, experience and resources" to the quality of life in Whiteville. In 1971 he was named "Retailer of the Year" by the N.C. Broadcasters and the N.C. Merchants Association.

For almost 60 years, Herman was married to Yetta Leinwand Leder of Marion S.C. Their five children are Marjorie Leder Harris of Cherry Hill, N.J., Brenda Leder of Atlanta, Ga., Shirley Osterneck of Lumberton, N.C., Robert Leder and Paul Leder, both of Whiteville. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson, as well as two sisters and three brothers.

Herman and Yetta Leder served their community at large and the Jewish community of North Carolina in particular throughout their lives. He served on the Whiteville School Board and offered scholarships to high school and college students, and together they established the Yetta Leder Loan Fund. He donated land for the public library, and he contributed substantially to 4-H projects and to the Parks and Recreation Department.

In 1925 he opened the first Leder Brothers Department Store in Whiteville, a business which expanded over the years into a chain of stores. He was responsible for opening two banks, First National Bank and the Columbus National Bank, both in Whiteville. He helped in the establishment of radio station WENC in Whiteville and he was a member of



J. Herman Leder

the Chamber of Commerce, as well as of the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Community College and the SCC Foundation. He was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

Herman Leder was one of the founders of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and served as president of the N.C. Association of Jewish Men. He was a member of Beth Israel Center in Whiteville and Beth Israel Synagogue in Wilmington. He had been educated in Hebrew and the Jewish religion by the time he came to America from Austria-Hungary in 1920. He believed in the importance of education and fostered it in his community.

Herman Leder strove to repay the society which had enabled him to thrive, and he succeeded in great measure. The Leder home was used as a Hebrew School for twenty-two years, welcoming children of Whiteville and the surrounding area. Not only was he instrumental in the building of a synagogue in Whiteville; he was also involved in Temple Emanu-El in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and was an active member of Brith Sholom Beth Israel in Charleston.

The Leders were observant Jews, who closed their businesses on the High Holidays. Mr. Leder served for years as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in his community. Participants in B'nai B'rith Institutes at Wildacres will remember the many Institutes at which the Leders were present. It is not easy to think of a worthwhile actitivy to which Herman and Yetta Leder did not contribute their efforts.

The community now mourns the loss of an outstanding member, in gratitude for the benefits his life conferred upon it.

Stella Levin's Birthday Bash in Chicago, Illinois

by Jack L. Levin
Greensboro, N.C.

A frequent visitor and well-known name at The Blumenthal Jewish Home is Stella Levin from Greensboro. From August 31 until September 2, she gathered her offspring around her in Chicago for an eighty-fifty birthday party that was a bash!

Converging on the Hyatt Regency Suites in midtown Chicago were her three children: Seymour and his wife, Carol; Ruth Geisenheimer and her husband, Ed; and son, Jack with wife, Mimi. There were fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren who flew in from Florida, Washington State, Georgia and North Carolina and were welcomed by those who live in the Chicago area.

The festivities ranged from a brunch at the posh Arnies on State Street to a full lox-to-cake birthday party at the East Bank Athletic Club. The babies danced to the music of a banjo duet, as the families and individuals presented acts, songs and memories to honor Stella and to express their appreciation of her longevity.

"Mama Stella," as she is affectionately addressed by her progeny, shed an uncharacteristic tear or two and toasted to her own 85th year with the observation, "It is really very nice to be able to smell the roses." Certainly, there wasn't a dry eye in the room by this time, except for those of some of the younger babies who were tired and snoozed through the last of the photo-taking and jubilations. Ob-

viously, they were saving their energies for the halls of the hotel.

The final event of the festivities was a bus trip to Highland Park on Sunday, where the Chicago grandchildren had prepared a delicious backyard dinner. Everyone wore tee-shirts imprinted with, "Mama Stella's Birthday Bash - Chicago - August 31 to Sept. 2, 1991." Here the great-grandbabies got to tumble in the grass and get to know each other better. They enjoyed themselves very much and were enjoyed by the adults. When the time came for everyone to return to the city to prepare for the Labor Day trip home, they all vowed to celebrate Mama Stella's ninetieth birthday with another big family reunion. ALEVA!!



Stella Levin is surrounded by her family at her 85th Birthday Bash, Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, 1991.

Temples

Temple Emanuel Greensboro, N.C.

by Lois Simon

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel is holding its annual Donor Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the Rypins Building. The program includes a sneak preview of "Guys and Dolls" by the Community Theatre of Greensboro, as well as a selection from other Broadway blockbusters. For details, call Laura Steinberg, (919) 643-3203.

Rabbi Harkavy held weekly sessions in October to discuss "Who's Afraid of Anti-Semitism."

The Temple is in the process of holding Focus Group Sessions on Long Range Planning. The next two are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 17, both from 7 to 10 p.m.

First Talent Call Greensboro, N.C.

Imre Goldstein, director of "The Dybbuk," announces a talent call on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Social Hall of Temple Emanuel, 713 North Greene St., Greensboro, N.C. The talents needed are actors, singers, dancers, comics, musicians and story-tellers.

Auditions are for a variety show on Chanukah. (Actors, please bring short pieces or skits.) For further information, if needed, call Lois or Hilary Simon, (919) 855-6643.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom Bluefield, W.V.

by Susan Sapinsley

Abram Ross Jackson became a Bar Mitzvah at Shabbat services on Friday, Aug. 23 (Shabbat Ki Tetze) in the sanctuary of Congregation Ahavath Sholom in Bluefield, W.V.

The son of Deborah and Richard Goldstein of Cape Girardeau, Mo. and of the late Robert R. Jackson of Bluefield, Abram completed much of his Bar Mitzvah work by correspondence, with the help of his parents and through the guidance of Rabbi E. L. Sapinsley. Abram had begun his Hebrew studies with Rabbi Sapinsley before entering first grade; the family's move to Missouri in July 1990 interrupted that work, but the 13-year-old helped lead the Shabbat services with knowledge, poise and maturity.

At Shabbat services on Sept. 13, Sarah Raskin was honored as the president of MAFTY (Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth), and Jordan Weiss-Bartok was recognized for being the only UAHC congregant to date from Ahavath Sholom to have completed the KEVA program, an adult correspondence course in Jewish studies developed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Speaking from the pulpit were Rabbi Richard Sternberger, director of the Mid-Atlantic UAHC, and Dianne Haley, president of the Mid-Atlantic District Eight of NFTS (National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods).

Ms. Raskin previously served the local Temple Youth Group as president and was a vice president of the S.W. Virginia youth region. Mrs. Haley, who lives in Newport News, Va., also conducted a leadership *learnshop* for Ahavath Sholom Sisterhood members during her visit to Bluefield. Following services, Sisterhood hosted an Oneg Shabbat for honorees, congregants and guests.

WRITER, who is researching the movement of Jews from Europe to the Southeast United States during 1900-1950 period, wants to interview people with interesting and funny anecdotes.

Please contact David Schulman, 3701 Timber Trail, Asheville, N.C. 28804, or call COLLECT (704) 254-9250.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom
Charlotte, N.C.
by Fran Hirschel

At our Rosh Hashanah services this year, Temple Beth El V'Shalom presented a plaque to Myers Park Baptist Church for its hospitality and kindness in allowing us to use the sanctuary for the past several years. A similar plaque was presented to Providence Baptist Church during our Yom Kippur services. We are, of course, delighted that next year our High Holy Day services will be in our own new temple, and we are very grateful to both churches for sharing their beautiful houses of worship these past years.

In a change from prior years, our children's services this year were held simultaneously with the adult services. Over 100 children aged 5 through 11 participated in services that were meaningful and age appropriate. In addition, the children created a work of art that is inspirational as well as functional. A large cloth was beautifully decorated by the children, expressing a wish for peace in the new year. This very cloth was used as a *chupah* at our consecration services, and has been sent to Israel as the "world's largest new year card" with a prayer for peace. Joel Goldman deserves a lot of credit for these innovative programs, along with our dedicated teachers and aides.

Our consecration service was exciting, inspiring, and filled to overflowing. On the opening day of our religious school, nearly 200 parents joined their children in observing family education day. Children, parents, teachers and aides are all enthusiastic about learning. This promises to be a wonderful year for the youth of our temple.

In closing, we extend a warm welcome to the many new members of our temple; our membership now includes more than 500 families. We also welcome our youngest members, the most recent B'nai Mitzvah. Congratulations to Gabriel Kahn, Daniel Simon, Sara Gentile, Richard Wilson, Andrew Schatz and Cari McGrath, and to their families as well.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Retreat 1991
Memories of Wildacres
by Faye Siegel

Up the winding road to Wildacres to bring summer to a close,
Green forests, cool fresh air we inhaled, as the altitude rose.

We warmly greeted old friends and embraced those that were guests,
Sharon made a name button for each and every chest.

We worshipped on the patio, God's beauty was in plain view,
Joel led us to the Babylonian exile and return to Zion,
And asked what would we do?

The evening was stirring, emotions and feelings ran high
Leo blew the Shofar to conclude our sunset Selichot service
Against a pale pink sky.

No one uttered a word, to hear her speak is a must,
As Susan shared her personal memories of the Holocaust with all of us.

And all too soon Monday arrives and the weekend comes to an end,
We depart with renewal of spirit and the bonds of a new friend.

Sue kept the children busy with art projects to do,
Abbe and Cindy co-ordinated the socials—
For baking and bringing thanks to all of you.

Our gratitude to the Blumenthal family for
Making Wildacres a perfect retreat
And Paul and his staff for preparing the
Bountiful food we did eat.

Temple Emanuel
Winston-Salem, N.C.
by Millie Slatkoff

Temple Emanuel and the Jewish community of Winston-Salem will soon see the gathering of one of its largest extended families. On July 25, the Samoil Krimer family arrived from Russia. They are the aunt and uncle of Zhanna Shtridelman who came to Winston-Salem with her husband and son in May 1990. The members of the new family are Samoil and Galina Krimer, their son, Yan, and Baba-Sura Shmukler, Galina's mother. They are just one of the several families expected to arrive from the Soviet during the next twelve months.

The resettlement steering committee, led by Diane Leshin and Dr. Barry Segal, directed the many volunteers in completely furnishing an attractive apartment, arranging tutors for English lessons, and procuring the many documents necessary for living in the United States. Medical appointments were made and transportation provided. The host families provided ongoing visits to the family to help them practice English, to tour the city, to socialize at gatherings and cultural events, and to help with any immediate needs.

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comed the Krimers at Temple Emanuel's Shabbat service on Aug. 2. Representatives from the Temple Board, Sisterhood, the Jewish Community Council and Beth Jacob participated in the service.

To date, Galina is working part-time; they attend English-speaking classes at Forsyth Technical Community College; Yan is enrolled in a computer class; Baba-Sura is constantly making new friends with people who converse in Yiddish.

Summer Studies in Yiddish

The desire to speak and understand Yiddish took Deborah Brody, a young Temple Emanuel member, to the National Yiddish Book Center's Summer Program in Massachusetts recently. She attended lectures on the Jews in European History and Modern Yiddish Literature; she studied, sang and acted in Yiddish. She feels that Yiddish literature tells the story of, "who we were, who we are, and, perhaps, a key to finding who we, as a people, will become."

"The Dybbuk"

In August and September, the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival presented a new English translation and adaptation of S. Ansky's masterpiece of Yiddish theatre, "The Dybbuk." Louis Rackoff, the artistic director of the Festival, came to Temple Emanuel on Aug. 4 to discuss the production of the play. Imre Goldstein, a noted playwright and director, wrote the adaptation and directed the play. Many residents of surrounding communities have supported the efforts of the Festival to present "culturally diverse" plays.

National Meetings

The 61st General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations met in Baltimore, Md. Lynn Eisenberg, a Temple member, was installed as a National Board member—one of the highest honors ever bestowed on a congregant from Winston-Salem.

Paul and Linda Beerman and Barry Leshin, members of the United Jewish Appeal National Cabinet, attended the Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem last summer. Prior to the meeting, Barry went to Poland to help escort a group of Russian Jewish Olim to Israel.

Adult Education

Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz continues his Adult Education classes: Beginner's Hebrew, Prayer Book Hebrew, Jewish History, Customs and Beliefs, and the Process of Change. On Shabbat mornings, the Talmud class studies the Tractate Bava Metzia, Part I, based on Adin Steinsaltz's new translation of the Talmud.

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Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Friendship Circle

The monthly Sabbath group resumed meetings on Saturday morning, Sept. 7. Coffee, tea and cake were served at 10:00, with a brief worship service at 10:30. The subject of the informal discussion was the personal meaning of Rosh Hashanah.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Everyone was invited to the Rosh Hashanah reception in Unger Hall on Sunday evening, Sept. 8, after the service.

Sisterhood created a warm and welcoming atmosphere with a super spread, including current favorites and traditional treats, and lots of friendly faces. Chairpeople were Hilde Hoffman, Liesel Sullivan and Edie Weinberg.

Rosh Hashanah

Significant additions to the basic beauty of the services on Sept. 9 were the pulpit flowers donated by Sarah Goldstein and Jeanette Klein in memory of their husbands, and the new Torah covers donated in honor of Judy and Jerry Haller's 50th anniversary by their daughter, Peggy, and son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Jennifer Haller. Ken and Jennifer, who couldn't be present, were represented on the *bima* by Isaac Chicurel.

There were also the new rollers for the recently restored Torah scroll carved by Mark Vanderwart in memory of his father, and the flute-playing by member and resident Renaissance-man, Dick Braun.

Erev Yom Kippur

President Scott Lebensburger read letters of greetings from Agudas Israel Congregation in Hendersonville, the Asheville Community Center and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Greetings were also received from Congregation Beth Israel of Asheville. Scott gave each of the other Temple officers—Frank Gilreath, Buddy Riesenberg, Barry Kattell and John Fligel—a Torah to hold as they all acted as witnesses during the "Kol Nidre" singing. Rabbi Bluming's students from Mars Hill were present for this ceremony.

Yom Kippur

Buddy Reisenberg, vice president of the congregation, thanked the following individuals and entities from the *bima* for their part in the Yom Kippur observances: Mrs. Ginger Lerner for the pulpit flowers, a gift in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Paul Lerner; our choir, for the outstanding music they provided. Choir members are Jean Valerio, choir director/organist; Michael Bowling, tenor; Hannah Pennell, soprano; Pam Simmons, contralto; Bill Vernon, bass.

He also thanked J. Edward Wiley, our custodial supervisor, and Betty Hendrix, our secretary, "for all they do, this and every season of the year," and Leah Karpen for coordinating the Yom Kippur study group. He extended special thanks to Dr. Stan Marks, chairman of our ushers and the members of Brotherhood who served as ushers, and to Les Schachter for coordinating the honors for the Holy Days, and to Muriel Marks and Les Schachter for distributing the tickets.

The Constance Head Study Hour,

established in memory of Dr. Head, a convert to Judaism, who devoted her life to academic excellence, has become a Yom Kippur tradition at Beth ha-Tephila. This year's guest speaker and discussion leader was Dr. Samuel Schuman, new chancellor of UNCA, who gave us his ideas on the relationship of education and the Jewish religion. The meeting started at 1:45 in Unger Hall on Sept. 18. Preceding the Study Hour, Womansong performed. The group sang a cappella at the foot of the *bima* in the Sanctuary, to enthusiastic applause.

Children's services in the Sanctuary started at 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon services, beginning at 3:15, were conducted by Dick Braun; the Rabbi conducted the Yizkor and concluding services, and Joe Karpen performed the final sounding of the Shofar.

Featured musical artists were Rita Hayes and Dick Braun, flutists; Anthony Maratea, violin; Matthew Pennell, soloist.

The day ended with a Sisterhood Break-the-Fast in Unger Hall.

Again this year, the kind women of St. Luke's Episcopal Church came to our Religious School Building to watch and care for our children during the Holy Day Services.

The Succah

The Religious School and the Ritual Committee invited everyone to come to the courtyard Succah frame beside Unger Hall on Sept. 22, "to be part of the Mitzvah of decorating the Temple's Succah." Participants brought a fruit or vegetable to hang in the Succah, and celebrated their efforts by tasting apple and honey. It was a beautiful day, weather-wise and otherwise.

The Religious School

The school year opened on Sept. 8 with Parent-Teacher Orientation Day, when the students were registered and fees were paid.

Members of this year's faculty are Linda Safferstone, Ellen Braverman, Jean Hansman, Dr. Max Schreiber, Dr. David Katz, Rabbi Ronald Bluming and Phyllis Bluming, school principal. Mrs. Bluming said, "The Rabbi and I agree that this is a top-notch faculty and we look forward to a wonderful school year ahead."

Beyond the Call

Visiting two long-time Temple members at St. Joseph's Hospital during the Holy Days, the Rabbi, not wanting the patients to feel deprived, brought his small, or travel-size, Shofar. He blew it for Sarah Goldstein and for Libby Gross, and the nurses came running. It's highly doubtful that any of them had ever heard a sound like *that*, especially at St. Joseph's.

Mazel Tovs

To Terri and Doug Baird on the birth of a son, Cameron Edward Brones Baird, and to his grandparents, Buddy and Mary Riesenberg; and Sylvia and Leo Finklestein on the recent birth of a great granddaughter, Rebecca Adams.

A Hearthy Welcome

Welcome to new members, Larry and Holly Hollifield and their daughters, Molly and Lauren.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

In spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days, Rabbi Birnham conducted a study/discussion session on Sept. 3, with emphasis on Maimonides' views on repentance and understanding how they compare with our own attitudes.

Paula Victor, a mezzo soprano, our Cantor for the High Holy Days, was born in Rochester, N.Y. She attended the Easton School of Music and earned a degree in music history from New York University. She is going into her fourth year of studies at The Jewish Theological Seminary Cantorial Institute. Ms. Victor lived in Israel for two and a half years and sang in the National Chamber Choir of Israel. Her graciousness and pleasing personality at our services, coupled with the beautiful range of




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her voice, contributed to the easing of a long day of worship.

Rabbi Shmuel Birnham led the services and delivered sermons which not only were thought provoking, but encouraged the congregation's participation in a discussion at appropriate times. This was truly a partnership of success with the Rabbi, all congregants, specific congregant contributors, including adult and children Torah readers, and last, but not least, the many children (always a pleasure to see) walking up to the *bima* with their very enlarged Shofar duplications. And certainly the smooth transitions would not have been accomplished without the groundwork of all who planned and worked hard beforehand. The hours of prayer, soul searching, learning and song truly rounded out a meaningful beginning for the year 5752. This was topped off by a delicious buffet. L'shana tova to all!

Personals

Congratulations to Hilda Ehrlich on the birth of a new grandson, Ethan Ehrlich. We welcome our newest members: Joan and Eben Medlicott; Shikie and Thelma Frankel; David and Lisa Gould and daughter, Lauren; Patti Gordon; Holly and Carl Hollifield and their daughters, Lauren and Molly; Caren Kessler and Larry Hollar and their daughter, Julia; Howard and Anne Kronen and their son, David; Barbara and Alan Levy; Carol and Neil McCollum; Gene and Claire Toreky and their children Jennifer, Deborah, Jason and Craig; Boris and Marina Fridlyand and their son, Yevgeny; Ida Schanzer; George and Cynthia Zaslow; Slava and Violetta Istakhorov and their son, Semyon; Dorothy and Abraham Golf; Dr. Martin and Julie Lee and their children, Michelle, Sharon and Marissa; Dr. Ron and Caroline Manheimer and their children, Esther, Kora and Aaron; and Sanford and Muriel Gelbert. The Membership Committee will ask existing members to be "twins" for new members. Twins are requested to welcome the new members, have them over for a Shabbat meal and accompany them to services, and be generally available for questions,



Happy Chanukah!

comments and integration into our congregation.

Youth Activities

The Asheville Youth Group held a SUB-SANDWICH SPECTACULAR on Sept. 15 at the JCC. This was the organizational meeting for the coming year; all eighth through twelfth grade students were invited. Congratulations to Robin Deutsch and Lauren Seidenberg for participating in the Leadership Training Institute held at Camp Blue Star. This week-long event was sponsored by United Synagogue Youth organization. Hats off to the following members of the Youth Group for helping during the JCC Food Distribution Day on Aug. 27: Lauren Seidenberg, Dana Friedman, Robin Deutsch and Jessica Reed.

The Mitzvah Committee is continuing its good deeds in the community. At this time, Deborah Neimkin and Sara Birnham are co-chairpeople. Deborah will focus on plans to meet children's needs and Sara will coordinate meals at Hospitality House on the last Thursday of every month. Thanks to Deborah and all past volunteers for their work with Hospitality House. Thanks to Dr. Steve Miller for donating toothbrushes and toothpaste.

The Rabbi's busy schedule included the following: teaching the Summer School at Trinity Episcopal Church about Judaism and Passover; studying at Wildacres retreats for Interfaith and Rabbis; teaching at the LTI week at Camp Blue Star; and teaching a college age YMCA group about Judaism.

Our thanks go to David Seidenberg for a delightful talk about his mission to Israel and to Dr. Hal Rotman for reading the Torah on Shabbat while the Rabbi was gone. Also, thanks to Joe Gullota and all the people whom he recruited to fill in during the Rabbi's vacation (Ed Greene, Shirley Kayne, Dr. Joseph Schandler and Dr. Norman Sollod).

Men's Club

On Aug. 4, the newly reconstituted Men's Club met and heard an extremely interesting program by Lieutenant David Cree, a Henderson County Sheriff's Deputy, who is a Major in the Counterintelligence Reserve of the United States Army. Lieutenant Cree was involved in counterintelligence operations in the Persian Gulf War, and worked closely with the intelligence services of Israel, France, Britain, Egypt and our other allies. Lieutenant Cree is a committed Christian who was extremely thoughtful about the historical, religious and cultural aspects of the war.

A "job well done" to Dr. Steve Miller and Lyn Dunn and their Membership Committee for producing the Shul Brochure.

Sunday School

The new teachers in the Sunday School this year are: Sally Katz, David Friedman, Caren Kessler, Michael Garner, Masada Laufer, Uta Levinson, Marina Fridlyand, Geoff Brown, Diana Zinn and Michele Heller. Debi Miles, our special activities coordinator, led the children's High Holiday service. Debi has a rich background in Jewish education from her years as director of Shalom Children's School.

In Sisterhood news, Lillian Wellisch chaired the Selichot Oneg. Ruth Fox and Sue Greenberg chaired the Rosh Hashanah Oneg. Sandy Slosman, Phyllis Blum and Marilyn Friedman chaired the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast (Arlene Cotler, a congregant, represented the caterer.)

New Member Shabbat will be the third Shabbat in November with a special program. The Membership Committee is chaired by Steve Miller and Lyn Dunn, along with Alan Levy, Sandy Slosman and Pauline Tenenbaum.

Organizations

Jewish Book Festival November 24, 1991 Charlotte, N.C.

by Amalia Warshenbrot
Librarian, Speizman Jewish Library

Peninnah Schram, the internationally known storyteller and author of the bestselling book, *Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another,* will present stories from that book, as well as from her new book, *Tales of Elijah the Prophet,* on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1991 at 7 p.m. in Gorelick Hall of the Jewish Community Center, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, N.C.

The program is open to the public. Tickets will be $3.00 at the door; seniors and students, $1.00. Ms. Schram's books will be available at discounted prices at the JCC front desk, and Ms. Schram will be delighted to autograph your copy during the Book Fair (6:15 to 7 p.m.) or following her presentation.

This program will conclude the JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL, co-sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center and the Speizman Jewish Library.

The **Jewish Book Fair** (located in the Blanche and Ben Jaffa Adult Lounge) will be open on Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6:15 to 7 p.m. For those who wish to buy a special Chanukah gift for the following week's holiday, the Book Fair is the place to shop. The children's book selection will be larger than ever. Also, the Temples' Gift Shops will have Chanukah items for sale.

The **Used Book Sale** (located in the entrance to the Leon and Sandra Levine JCC Building) will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prices are reasonable, and vast selections of books will be available.

All proceeds from the sale of new and used books will benefit the Speizman Jewish Library. However, the real goal of the Book Fair is to give



Peninnah Schram

people a chance to view as many Jewish books as possible.

Especially for Children, Ages 4 to 8 is a storytelling program for youngsters. Beth Hutchison, a children's storyteller from the Public Library, will present the Association of Jewish Libraries' Award Winning book for 1990: *The Chanukkah Guest* by Eric Kimmel. Ms. Hutchison will give the children a chance to appreciate storytelling and Jewish children's literature. Please come with your 4 to 8 year olds on Nov. 24 at 11:15 a.m. in the Luski Youth Activity Center. This program is free and open to the public.

Chairpersons for the event are Amalia Warshenbrot, librarian for the Speizman Jewish Library; Barry Hantman, executive director of the Jewish Community Center; and Lorrie Klemons. Any inquiries concerning the Book Fair and guest storyteller can be made to Amalia Warshenbrot at (704) 366-5007.

Out-of-towners may use the facilities of the Jewish Community Center free of charge for the entire day, Nov. 24. Call Fran Rosenberg to make arrangements, (704) 366-5007.

Itzhak Perlman To Perform Dec. 10 in Greensboro, N.C.

Itzhak Perlman will perform a concert at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Dec. 10. His uniqueness in the ranks of superstar musicians stems from something more than his supreme artistic credentials. The combination of talent, charm and humanity in this Israeli-born artist is unrivaled in our time. Audiences all over the world respond to Perlman's flawless technique, and to his irrepressible joy of making music.

Perlman will be accompanied by one of America's leading collaborative artists, Samuel Sanders. Sanders is the recipient of two Grammy Awards and has made several dozen recordings with world renowned musicians.

Individual tickets are now on sale at the Aycock Auditorium box office at

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UNCG. Adult tickets are $22, senior citizens are $20. Group prices are available. A group of 20 receives one free ticket and each ticket is $3 off the adult price, making it $19 per ticket. Call the box office at (919) 334-5546 between 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m.

Chanukah at CAJE

Chanukah is "early" this year, and the pre-Chanukah season is a wonderful time to become a member of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) Resource Center at Shalom Park in Charlotte. A $10.00 annual individual or family CAJE membership enables you to borrow from the video tape collection of more than 240 titles. The selection of videos for Chanukah includes:

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The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is pleased to thank Lauren & Philip Stark for their generous donation of a color TV to the CAJE Resource Center. Our local religious schools will benefit with the additional access to equipment for showing videotapes in the classroom. Todah rabah!

Crown City Chapter Women's American ORT Charlotte, N.C.

by Wendy Fabes

The 31st biennial convention of Women's American ORT was held recently in Los Angeles, Cal. Representing Charlotte's Crown City Chapter was Ana Resnik, vice president of fundraising.

Ana reported her experiences including visiting with Mickey Mouse, movie stars and our very own students attending ORT's first technical institute, LAOTI (Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute).

Meeting with many of the more than 1000 ladies who attended this convention from all over the country gave Ana a chance to exchange ideas and get tips on a how to make a great chapter like Crown City even better.

Among the honored guests who spoke of ORT's many accomplishments were Ed Asner, Richard Dreyfus and Governor Pete Wilson of California. Ana related how unaware she was of the impact ORT has had on so many varied lives. Listening to so many stories about ORT and its students/graduates would cause anyone to be proud to be a part of this vital organization.

Our future lies in the hands of our youth. Jews, above all, realize the importance of passing on tradition. Educating our youth will certainly assure us of this. The first step needed to accomplish this is to join Women's American ORT. Members are what make dreams become realities.

For more information about Crown City Chapter, please call Honey Kridel (704) 362-4903, or Peggy Rovman (704) 552-2010.

November 19 Meeting

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The highlights include a New Year's party, a visit to the Dead Sea, lunch at an Army base, an opportunity to meet Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants, visits to the Western Wall, the Israel Museum, the Knesset and a hike up to Masada. Participants will spend 4 nights in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Tiberias, 2 nights at the Dead Sea, and 5 nights, including New Year's Eve, in Jerusalem.

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Further information is available from the Hadassah Travel Department, 50 West 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The phone number is (212) 303-8033.

North Carolina Hillel Fall Update

by Hal Greenwald
Program Director

The students are back, there's a hint of fall in the quadrangle, and things are stirring in North Carolina Hillel.

Hillel welcomed its students, new and old, in a big way. Student boards at Duke, NC State and UNC aggressively sought contact with incoming freshmen over the summer in a letter writing campaign. When freshmen arrived at campus they were greeted by upperclassmen bearing welcome-bags and invitations to Hillel. Follow-up contact through "phone-trees" has boosted Hillel's freshmen attendance by 50 percent.

Many of Hillel's initial programs have targeted these future leaders as well. UNC and Duke sponsored successful freshmen mixers, while Rabbi Orenstein of Raleigh spoke to State students on "Being Jewish at State: A Beginner's Guide."

In addition to its usual busy schedule of social and religious activities, UNC Hillel has embarked on a number of ambitious new projects. The Mitzvah Corps is a group of students which donates its time to needy causes such as the local soup kitchen and the organization of blood drives. In addition, Rabbi Fischer began his class on Genesis in October.

Duke Hillel has enlarged its Friday night programming, starting with worship services in the beautiful Duke Gardens followed by dinner. September also included a three part Jewish Identity series and festive Succot celebrations.

NC State Hillel continues to expand its programming. Its newly enlarged board meets bi-monthly to discuss issues facing the Jewish student in addition to program proposals and outreach. Raleigh's Rabbi Herman conducts a weekly Torah portion class, while the first in a series on the three branches of Judaism took place in October.

For the second year in a row Hillel has expanded its field of operations, this time to the schools in Greensboro. The staff is happy to welcome Larry Bach as the new coordinator of programs at UNC-G and Guilford College. Larry is a recent Judaic Studies graduate of SUNY-Albany, and brings with him extensive experience in the Reform youth movement. Students at both schools have established a regular schedule of meetings and programs, and look forward to exciting new growth in Jewish campus life.

Halailah, B'nai B'rith Women Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel S. Rosenfeld

Hunter House has a variety of projects scheduled for the upcoming months, including a shower on Nov. 12, color analysis and infant massage programs, and dinner and babysitting services on Feb. 13. Ginger Snitz has received a number of requests for help to make Hunter House more inviting. Please call her if you can help with any of the Hunter House Projects.

A variety of interesting events is scheduled for November and December. On Nov. 19, Sam Eneman will present a program on home video editing at the home of Barbara Bernhardt, a Halailah past president. Members are asked to bring a box of Potato Latke mix to this program to contribute to our Chanukah baskets. Chai luncheons are scheduled for Nov. 18 and Dec. 2. Contact Emily Widis to volunteer.

Our December program will be an evening of clothing sorting at Crisis Assistance Ministries on Dec. 17. Members will meet at the JCC at 6:45 p.m. and carpool over to Crisis Assistance. Members are encouraged to bring any clothing donations at this time. Items no longer need to be on hangers. After sorting clothes, members will go out for dessert and fellowship. A fun-filled ladies-night-out fundraiser, "Chinese Bingo," has been planned for Dec. 10. We will meet at Shun Lee at 6:45 p.m. for dinner, followed by bingo. Plan to have a great time while supporting Halailah! In addition to these projects and programs, Halailah will continue to support the Becky Shulimson Library fund, "Read-Up," and our foster family.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Holidays at Lubavitch in Charlotte are not only pleasurable and enjoyable, but spiritual and inspirational as well. The most joyous holiday of the year, Simchat Torah, drew large crowds to the Chabad House in Charlotte.

This year, Simchat Torah was extra special, with the emphasis on children's participation in the Hakofot service. Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, Tzivos Hashem youth director, called up at random children of Lubavitch Day School and Talmud Torah to lead in the reciting of the verses which are said prior to the Hakofot dancing.

Parents and grandparents looked on with pride as their children read the verses in perfect Hebrew and with the traditional holiday melody.

A full buffet Kiddush meal was served at the Chabad House, with Rabbi Binyomin Weiss and Rabbi Mendel Feigenson leading over 250 people in song and dance. It is wonderful to see people of all ages rejoicing with the Torah, some even danced with children on their shoulders and many cheered to the happy toast of L'Chaim.

Each child received a free flag and sweet refreshments. "The joy of Simchat Torah belongs to every Jew," said Rabbi Weiss, "regardless of the level of knowledge. Today, we make a commitment to study more Torah and increase our observance."

Simchat Torah, which culminates a nine day holiday, concludes the high holiday season which begins with Rosh Hashanah and extends through Succot. The Mitzvah of eating in the Succah was made easier this year because of the extra large Succah that was built at the Chabad House.

During the Succot holiday, Day School and Preschool students ate their daily lunch and snack in the Succah. The children demonstrated excitement and enthusiasm and were amazingly touched by the observance of this special outdoor Mitzvah.

On Sept. 26, a grand Succah party was held at the Chabad House Succah for all of the children in the Tzivos



Lubavitch school children eating in Succah.

Hashem Club. More than 65 children participated and listened to holiday tales and enjoyed delicious Kosher holiday snacks.

After the holidays the atmosphere changed as the focus was on the realities of life. Serious study continued at the school and Chabad House. Children were busy reconstructing Noah's Ark, in keeping with the weekly Torah portion. Everyone in Lubavitch agrees the holidays certainly enhanced the new school year and have given a positive momentum to the daily routine.

Simchat Torah with the Rebbe

For whatever reason, Divine Providence saw that I spent Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, in the presence of the world-esteemed Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

Words are too limited to describe the scenes of Simchat Torah at Lubavitch World Headquarters, where over sixteen thousand Chassidic Jews assembled in the large sanctuary to celebrate the most joyous festival of the year.

At the onset of the holiday, the Rebbe called for every participant—man, woman and child—to be involved in the joy and singing with every part of his/her body and soul. "Although a song is expressed through the mouth, one can achieve total involvement to the point where the song permeates the entire body," the Rebbe said.

And so it was on this Sunday night, Sept. 29, 1991, the joy which lasted for 48 consecutive hours exceeded all the boundaries and is totally beyond description. The Rebbe himself led the huge crowd in the singing and dancing. With his hands swinging and his body swaying, the crowd went into a frenzy, singing and dancing with an enthusiasm that almost brought the house down.

From my vantage point high on top of the bleachers on the eastern wall of the Sanctuary, I saw a massive sea of people as far as my eye could see, all pressed together singing in unision with enthusiasm and excitement that made the walls shake. The joy is pure and it is a genuine expression of Jewish emotion.

In order to accommodate this large crowd, all benches are removed from the sanctuary, and in its place tall bleachers are built several stories high. The center of the Schul is blocked off with a large platform where the Bimah sits, upon which the Torahs are paraded in a large circle.

The southeastern corner of the Schul is where the Rebbe's place stands. On a tall platform the Rebbe is surrounded by the elder Chassidim and guests who have arrived from far and near to be in his presence during the holidays. These Chassidim have proven their dedication to Torah and Judaism not only intellectually, but with self sacrifice as well.

The Rebbe once auctioned off a L'chaim to the one who served longest in Soviet Labor camps as a result of his work for spreading Judaism. Several in the audience had actually served in the living hell of Siberia close to twenty years. These men of courage serve a lesson of unyielding dedication to Torah, especially for the youth of today, who are not facing those evil challenges of yesteryear, to dedicate their lives to Torah.

Two nights consecutively the Rebbe spoke for hours expounding the secrets of Torah knowledge, explaining the mystical meaning of the verses that are recited before the Hakofot. The listener would follow the Rebbe's words carefully, which took him on a journey through all parts of the Torah. The Rebbe emphasized the importance of education, and praised Jewish educators for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Jewish future.

The Rebbe has been calling on the world to prepare itself for the imminent arrival of Moshiach. The Rebbe pointed to the children saying that every child is referred to by King David as a little Moshiach. By teaching Torah to children we are raising a generation worthy of receiving Moshiach.

Even at the Farbrengen (gathering) when the Rebbe explains words of Torah, the joy of Simchat Torah was evident. The Rebbe began with a short talk which expressed the meaning of the holiday and followed with a lively dance which lifted everyone spiritually and physically.

There were the personal contact with the Rebbe, as each person received some of the wine used for Havdalah. The Rebbe poured wine into each person's cup as he filed by the Rebbe after the gathering. This took many hours as thousands of the participants were eager to receive the wine of "Kos Shel Bracha."

The seventy-two hours I was in Crown Heights could be written up in seventy-two volumes. Each moment was filled with a touching experience. It is simply impossible to condense it to a few paragraphs. Now it's time to unpack the spiritual luggage and share the beauty of Judaism with my friends in the Carolinas.



Rabbi Binyomin Weiss instructing Talmud Torah about High Holidays.

B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum
1640 Rhode Island Ave. N.W.
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"Intimations of Immorality: The Sculptures of Chaim Gross and Mini Gross" are on exhibit through Jan. 6, 1992. This exhibit is the first in a series of parent-artist/child-artist exhibits planned for the Klutznick Museum.

The current exhibit represents "the wide variety of sculptural media of Chaim Gross' work, while exploring the range of influences and innovative 'improvisations' reflected in [his daughter] Mini Gross' work," according to Klutznick Museum Board Chairman Murray Shusterman.

N.C. Museum of Art
32110 Blue Ridge Rd.
Raleigh, N.C.
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On exhibit until Dec. 1, the art of Israeli artist Moshe Kupferman comprises 58 paintings, works on paper and sketchbooks. The works in the exhibition are drawn from public and private collections in this country and from the collections of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv Museum. The N.C. Museum of Art has recently acquired a painting and three works on paper.

Mr. Kupferman was born in 1926 in Jaroslaw, Poland to a traditional Jewish family. Kupferman was 18 when the war ended, and the only member of his family to survive it. He emigrated to Israel in 1948 and helped found the Kibbutz of the Ghetto Fighters.

Kupferman's art is characterized by critics as lean, understated, vigorous and abstract—all based on his life's experiences and concerns. Some of his works reflect his anguish towards acts of violence in the wars in the Middle East.



Rabbi Yossi Groner with his daughter, Leah, receiving blessing from Lubavitcher Rebbe.

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13th Yiddish Institute at Wildacres, Aug. 22-25, 1991

by Norman Pliner
Raleigh, N.C.

A very early impression, reinforced throughout the four days, was that the 113 persons from eighteen states including Arizona, Montana and Minnesota who attended the 1991 Charlotte Yiddish Institute seemed to relate to the other attendees like family at an annual reunion.

The event which initiated the newcomer visitors into the family, the one I will surely remember, occurred at the welcome session when we all introduced ourselves in Yiddish. The dozen or so words telling our names, where we lived and where our parents came from were the first to pass my lips, and I suspect a few others, in many years. The experience was most enjoyable and connective.

The presentations by Dr. Anita Norich were educational and enjoyable, and the several performances by Ms. Phyllis Berk and Mr. Zalman Mlotek were delightful. The Baker and Bienstock lectures were interesting and informative. The beginners' workshops, with Lazer Morris, were most challenging.

We'll always remember the occasion when we enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of a select group which shared a common love of Yiddish and the heritage of a people who understood what it meant to be a *Yiddisher.*

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Joel Goldman entertains as children of the Charlotte Jewish Preschool parade with Israeli flags.

Charlotte Jewish Preschool Shabbat Program Shines

by Linda Zucker

Every Friday morning, while most of us are wrapping up the work week, children at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool are focused on Shabbat.

The weekly program, conducted by Preschool Director Carol Klein, begins with traditional songs in celebration of Shabbat, with eager participation from even the youngest child.

Children who have had a birthday during the week have the honor of coming forward to light the Shabbat candles and lead the group for the blessing on the bread and wine. The celebration concludes with all sharing the Challah, grape juice and the warmth of the Shabbat.

Throughout the year, Rabbi Scott White of Temple Israel, Rabbi Robert Seigel of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, as well as Educational Directors Joel Goldman of Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Roz Cooper of Temple Israel, will be participating in several of the programs.

Shabbat programs are open to all members of the community and are held every Friday morning in Gorelick Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Come share what you like about Shabbat!

Happy Chanukah!

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November/December 1991

GARDEN THERAPY PLANTS THE SEEDS FOR NEW PROGRAMS AT BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME

Residents have been developing their green thumbs in Earth Touch, a new activity program at Blumenthal Jewish Home. Lea Nading, Horticulture Therapist, teaches a class in table top gardening on Tuesday afternoons. Participants are both veteran gardeners eager to be reunited with the pleasures of growing plants and novices ready to develop a new interest. Sessions have included wildflower studies, examining seed pods and flower design under magnification, potting summer annuals, geraniums and foliage plants, and planting perennials.

Seeing a bird's eye view of a sunflower, counting the petals of a daisy, sniffing the fragrance of a rose, feeling the texture of a begonia — these activities stimulate the senses and bring one into direct contact with nature, the changing seasons and the life cycle. For BJH residents, memories are revived, skills are energized and social contact is increased.



Earth Touch class gives BJH residents Virginia Popper, Martha Mayer and Jane Rosenberg an opportunity to nurture new life.

Although Horticulture Therapy was not formally established as a discipline in the U.S. until 1970, the therapeutic use of plants is an ancient art. Horticulture Therapy, defined as "the use of plants and gardens to promote the mental and physical well being of people," is increasingly being promoted by health professionals. Bibby Moore, coordinator of the Horticulture Therapy program at the N.C.

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Karl Cahn enjoys the courtyard garden and watching the Sukkah construction.



Left to right: Mary Barrett, Helene Baruch and Henrietta Meltsner prepare to choose plants for potting during the Earth Touch class.

(Garden Therapy continued)

Botanical Gardens at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, recently visited the Home's garden program. Ms. Moore says the benefits of horticulture activities are many; for older adults they provide opportunities for meaningful social contact, a sense of accomplishment, physical activity, and intellectual and sensory stimulation. For gardeners of all ages, the therapeutic benefits are well known; relaxation, self-satisfaction, a spiritual connection with life, opportunities to be nurturing and, especially, just to have fun.

BJH residents are having fun with Earth Touch and, hopefully, planting the seeds from which new programs will blossom. Future wish lists include a wheelchair garden, raised flower beds, and a remodeled greenhouse at BJH.



Bea Alperin celebrates a special birthday with family and friends at BJH. Pictured are her son, Robert, and daughter, Nancy Gutterman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Mary Barrett
Helene Baruch
Ura (Peggy) Cole
Else Guthmann
Addie Harris
Amy Idol
Mae Kornbluth
Betty Levine
Adolph Marx
Herman Nove
Lillian Snead

DECEMBER

Fannie Benson
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George Carp
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Barnet Goldberg
Bernice Goldfinger
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Ira Gutman
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BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

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May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Naomi Smith
Winston-Salem, NC

FAIR OAKS

AN INDOOR GARDEN BRIGHTENS LIFE AT FAIR OAKS



Fair Oaks residents Ida Feinberg and Lena Krieger were among the crowd filling the Sukkah for the Sukkot celebration.



Rose Halpern proudly displays one of the many beautiful African violets found in Rose's garden, seen here in the Craft Shop.

At the far end of the lower level hallway in Fair Oaks, a walk well worth taking, there is a display of thriving green plants. Bathed in the natural light from the large picture window, plus artificial green lights, are over 50 plants of all sizes and varieties. African violets, begonias, cacti, geraniums and a wandering jew have found a home here. Rose Halpern, Fair Oaks resident, is an avid plant lover and caretaker of this indoor garden. This November, Rose will have lived eight years at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, having been a resident on A-wing until Fair Oaks opened in 1988.

Rose speaks tenderly and lovingly of her plants, each with its own history. A true nurturer, she says she likes to take care of living things, and although she has enjoyed plants all her life, five years ago they became a satisfying hobby. "I've never bought an African violet," says Rose. "They are all started from gifts and raised from other plants." With 40 more plants living in Rose's other favorite spot, the Craft Shop, she is kept busy checking and misting them each day. Rose's garden blossoms and grows while Rose enjoys the relaxation and soothing dimension this hobby has brought to her life. She says she does it because she loves it.

Residents, staff and visitors all have the added pleasure of enjoying her efforts. The plants certainly appear to be flourishing from the loving care and the beautiful classical music Rose plays for them each day. "On Saturday, they like opera," says Rose.



Irene Mendelson enjoys a dance with Al Schwartz as he celebrates his birthday at a Fair Oaks party.

BJH NEWS BRIEFS — CELEBRATING TRADITIONS



Elbert Levy sounds the traditional notes of the Shofar while Sam Jacobson leads the BJH congregation in prayer during the High Holiday Service.



Left to right: Recreation Therapists Fredia Thompson, Lynda Abrahamson and Gail Ruthfield decorate the large Sukkah in the BJH courtyard.

- **A NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH OLD TRADITIONS.** Residents filled the synagogue for the holiday services led by Sam Jacobson. Volunteer Elbert Levy assisted with the blowing of the Shofar and Alan Andler sang the stirring Kol Nidre. A delicious break the fast meal following the Yom Kippur service was enjoyed by the residents.

- **GREENSBORO WOMEN BEGIN A TRADITION.** Attending the Greensboro women's organizations opening luncheon at Beth David Synagogue has become a new tradition for BJH residents. On September 4, BJH residents, formerly from Greensboro, enjoyed the delicious luncheon, an outstanding program, a speaker who touched the heart, gracious volunteers and seeing old friends courtesy of the Greensboro women's organizations.



Bruce Schlosberg, Director of Development, begins the Sukkot celebration with the saying of the kiddush.

- **SUKKOT WAS CELEBRATED WITH TRADITIONAL JOY** as residents gathered for services in the synagogue and the Sukkah during this eight-day holiday. Kiddush and holiday sweets were featured at a reception in the Sukkah for residents on Thursday, September 26, and a courtyard celebration with friends and family on Sunday, September 29, featured Barry Strulson singing traditional songs.

- **THE DYBUK IS SEEN BY BJH AND FAIR OAKS RESIDENTS.** This traditional play, revived and produced by the N. C. Shakespeare Festival, was a highlight on the culture schedule for residents in September. Staff and residents enjoyed seeing a professional production of Yiddish theatre just a little off off Broadway.



Ernest Whitehead, seen with his family (below) celebrated his 102nd birthday in July.

- **CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAYS ARE BECOMING TRADITIONS AT BJH.** In July, Ernest Whitehead celebrated his 102nd birthday with his family and friends and, in August, Lena Zimmerman's 105th celebration starred her on WXII TV's six o'clock news show. On September 24, David Merrell celebrated with family and friends on his 101st birthday.





Mitchell Summers, Director of the Community Theatre of Greensboro, delights the audience with his magnificent voice.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

5 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

10 Brenner Concert, Centennial Squares, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

13 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

15 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

15 Leave for Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, 6:30 p.m.

17 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, "Famous People I've Met," Friendship Room, 3 p.m.

21 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

22 Temple Emanuel (Winston-Salem) Pre-School Visit, Pre-Assembly Room, 10 a.m.

24 Brenner Concert, Marvin James and the Stardusters, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

27 Thanksgiving Services, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

1–8 Chanukah Candle Lightings, Individual Units, 5 p.m.

3 Junior League Stirring Performers, Commons Aud., 10:30 a.m.

3 Homewide Birthday Party, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

8 Brenner Concert, Forsyth Brass Ensemble, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

11 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

13 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

15 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, "Famous People I've Met," Friendship Room, 3 p.m.

18 Moravian Love Feast, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

19 Leave for Friendship Circle, Greensboro, 6:30 p.m.

22 Brenner Concert, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

SUE's NEWS

New Volunteers Add Sweetness To Life At BJH

The sweet smell of spice is in the air at the close of Shabbat on the first Saturday of each month. New volunteers, Leah and Barry Strulson, have brought a new dimension to the religious programming at the Home. With candles, kiddush cup and spice box, they visit each dining room to bring the lovely Havdalah service to the residents. Leah and Barry, daughter and son-in-law of A-wing resident, Virginia Popper, live in Greensboro, North Carolina. Barry, whose beautiful voice has also enriched our holiday celebrations at the Passover Seder and the Sukkot celebration, serves as the cantor of Beth Shalom Congregation in Carey, North Carolina. We are happy to have Leah and Barry join our volunteer program, and they join us in encouraging others to become "Havdalah" volunteers.

The sweetness of memory sets the tone for volunteer Edna Blevins' program on Sunday afternoons. Edna, former Director of Social Services at BJH, has returned to familiar ground to lead a monthly discussion group in the Commons. Edna has enjoyed seeing old friends, and the residents have enjoyed reminiscing about "Famous People I've Met" as the first session was called.

We welcome our new volunteers and give thanks to all whose caring sweetens life at BJH.

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Barry Strulson, volunteer from Greensboro, N.C., presented a joyous program of Jewish melodies for the crowd gathered in the courtyard at the Sukkot celebration.



Volunteers Darrel Mandelstamm and Roy Bascomb help residents off the bus at the Hanes Mall shopping trip.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



CATHERINE SMITH

Craft Shop Instructor
August, 1991

Catherine Smith has been bringing her creative energies to BJH since she began working in the Craft Shop in February, 1981. Residents enjoy her enthusiasm and creative ideas as well as her soft-spoken encouragement and dedicated assistance. Residents, staff and visitors all benefit from Catherine's inspiration resulting in the beautiful gifts residents produce in the shop and the delightful decorations visible at the Activity Department's programs.

Catherine is a home economics graduate of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina and taught home economics at Clemmons High School and Southwest High School. Her career has also included teaching kindergarten and freshman English and working part-time in medical offices while raising her two daughters.

Catherine's love of the arts and of people is contagious. A visit to the Craft Shop paints a vivid picture of the creativity and joy she inspires. Catherine says that working in the shop is "very nourishing to the instructors as well as to the residents... the therapy of creativity is indisputable." The ongoing challenge of her work, she says, is to continually meet the different levels of creativity and skill and the constantly changing abilities of her students. A very social person, Catherine enjoys the social aspect that the Craft Shop offers with time for her to get to know residents and for them to socialize and share their interests.

Honored at being chosen employee of the month, Catherine says, "I feel that I share this honor with my co-worker and invaluable assistant, Lena Wall, and the support staff." Afredia Thompson, Director of Resident Activities, describes Catherine as a dedicated staff member, a delight to work with and very deserving of this honor.

Catherine and her husband, Bob, enjoy their leisure time together sharing mutual interests in ballroom dancing, jewelry making, gardening and caring for animals.

BJH is pleased to present this honor to Catherine Smith. It is a privilege to have her on our staff.

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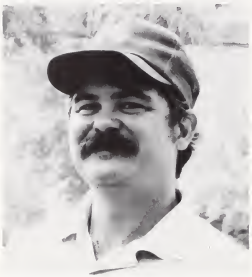
Licensed Practical Nurse, A-Wing
September, 1991

In July, Ann Canter celebrated her third anniversary as a member of the A-Wing team at BJH. Surprised and honored, Ann describes herself as a team member and wishes to share this honor with those with whom she works. "I work with a fantastic group of people, the nursing assistants and all my co-workers. I couldn't do my job without their good help," says Ann.

Ann has been in the nursing field since 1970 when she graduated from Forsyth Technical College. Her nursing career included work at Amos Cottage and the Winston-Salem Convalescent Center before joining the BJH staff. As the youngest of nine children, Ann says she took care of her parents as they grew older and geriatrics has always been her favorite field. She says she has learned from the residents and has been given a view of their lives and an understanding of the way things have changed. "Working on A-Wing is a challenge," says Ann, "but it is so rewarding to go home and think of the little things that happen each day and the comments that

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TAD McCLAMROCK APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE & PLANT ENGINEERING



Tad McClamrock.

Blumenthal Jewish Home welcomes Tad McClamrock as the Director of Maintenance & Plant Engineering. Tad brings to this position a great deal of experience in the fields of maintenance and plant management. A former member of the BJH maintenance staff, Tad has worked at AT&T in the electric switching system and as Director of Maintenance at Silas Creek Manor. "I am glad to be back at BJH, it feels like home," says Tad. "I like the work, it is very challenging and a great deal of responsibility." Tad says his goal is to increase the efficiency of the department. He says each member of his department has his own special skill, and they all work well together with good camaraderie.

He speaks with pride and enthusiasm of this new position. Having come from a family of men with this career, Tad says he always wanted to be a Director of Maintenance. "I like the sense of doing something to make people's lives easier," says Tad.

A native of Clemmons, he and his wife, Ellen, live just about 100 yards from where he was born and raised. In his spare time, Tad says he enjoys his time with his four children and his hobbies, collecting old record albums and selling junk at auctions.

Tad is a welcome addition to the BJH staff. He brings dedication to the job and an enthusiastic and positive attitude to the work place.

(Ann Canter continued)

are made."

Dannie Furr, A-Wing Unit Manager, describes Ann Canter as an extremely dedicated and dependable staff member who is very concerned about the care and well being of the residents. Dannie says that Ann is a nurse who is committed to her job and will do whatever is required of her.

For relaxation and fun, Ann says she enjoys outdoor activities, camping, boating water skiing and fishing with her family and, especially, spoiling her grandchildren.

BJH congratulates Ann Canter, a deserving recipient of this honor.

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Salinda Monroe, *RN, B-1*

2 Years
Debra Harris, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Skinner McGee, *Social Services*

1 Year
Margaret Fraser, *Dietary*
Glenna Oney, *Dietary*

DECEMBER

14 Years
Bonnie Ayers, *Dir. of Personnel*

12 Years
Martha Shinault, *LPN, B-1*

11 Years
Susie White, *Accounting*

10 Years
Melvorine Holton, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

8 Years
Angie Moon, *LPN, B-1*

6 Years
Don Morris, *Exec. Vice Pres.*

4 Years
Dr. Wm. Sugg, *Medical Dir.*

3 Years
Wanda Huffman, *Housekeeping*
Gail Ruthfield, *Recreation*

1 Year
Phyllis Lennox, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

Confession of a Development Director

When I was hired as the Director of Development for The Blumenthal Jewish Home in June, I was looking forward to coming back to North Carolina to renew old friendships and develop new ones. I had been here from 1970-82 involved in local government and chamber of commerce work. During the past two years in Texas, I had missed the springs of the Piedmont. There were no dogwoods and very few azaleas.

As I started by job on August 12, I knew very little about my job or the Home. I spent four weeks reading the files and talking to staff, board members and residents. I am beginning to understand where the road may take me and the Home and would like to share it with you.

The Home is a quality institution that cares about its residents and staff. Like any other business, it faces great financial challenges over the next few years. We face the task of raising approximately $2.6 million to erase our bond indebtedness and save our annual budget $200,000 in interest payments. In addition to the new money, we are seeking to collect $1.2 million in outstanding payments from those who have made a pledge to the campaign. Because of changes made by the State of North Carolina Medicaid Program during the past few years, the Home has been confronted with an annual deficit, now at $195,000. This deficit is occurring because there is a gap between actual and reimbursable cost in the Medicaid Program.

If the Home is to address these challenges, we must look at our mission and determine how the Board and staff can more effectively serve the Jewish and general communities of North and South Carolina. In this assessment, we must seek answers on several important questions. What should the future relationship be between the Home and Jewish communities which it serves? Can and should the Home provide services outside of Clemmons? How will the Home attract future leadership? How best to communicate to the general community about the quality of service that we provide to both Jews and Gentiles? All of these questions and answers will have a bearing on our ability to raise funds in the future.

An assessment such as this will not be easy. It will require the time and effort of many people. More importantly, it will afford us the opportunity to educate as well as gain an insight into a future role for a regional nursing home.

My job will be to work with community leaders to raise funds today and to be a catalyst for change in raising the necessary funds in the future.



Fair Oaks residents Mickey Samet, Rose Golden and Shirley Shane share birthdays in July, relatives in Greensboro, and new friends at Fair Oaks.



Barnet Goldberg enjoyed Rosh Hashanah at BJH with his son and grandson.

TRADITION by Bruce Schlosberg

This story is not about Tevya, but the message is still the same. It is a story of tradition and the commandment to honor thy father and thy grandfather.

For ten years straight, Steven Goldberg, formerly of Charlotte and now of New York City, attended High Holiday Services with his grandfather, Barnett. In 1990, Barnett moved to Charlotte to be closer to his son, Gene, and his daughter-in-law, Marlene. During the High Holidays, Steve was unable to come to Charlotte and the tradition was sidetracked.

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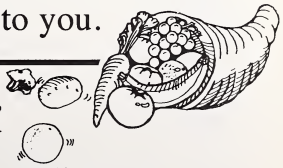
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Mideast Peace
by Estelle Hoffman

There is little to say about prospects for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors except to wait and see.

Issues are many, and they are complicated. Views of the historic background are discouraging, but there is a glimmer of hope. This is the first time the parties have talked to each other since Anwar Sadat went to Jerusalem in 1977.

Repeated military conflicts have accomplished nothing but increased hatred, and perhaps exhaustion has pushed everyone to the threshold of negotiations. Clearly, without them there is no hope for peace.

These facts we know: Issues for multilateral negotiations are as follows: 1. Arms control; 2. Water; 3. Economic development; 4. Refugee issues; 5. Environment. More difficult problems which will remain to be discussed with individual countries are: 1. Peace and recognition; 2. Security and borders; 3. Arab boycott; 4. A Palestinian State; 5. Jerusalem; 6. Settlements.

It appears that the United States must encourage, exert pressure and broker the process, but experience has taught that the parties must settle their own differences. Divisions by outside countries have proved to become festering sores, as witnessed now in Eastern Europe, as well as in the Middle East.

A plenary conference can reconvene *only* with consent of all parties involved. If any bilateral talks fail, the others are to continue. Admittedly, bilateral talks are an important step of progress.

Fortunately, the framework for treaties exists in the Camp David Accords. While the commitment of the United States to further the peace process must be sustained, this country has promised to give no secret assurances to anyone participating in the process. The situation is fragile, and enormous effort has been exerted to bring about the current status. The administration in Washington obviously deems it in our interest to sponsor peace in the region.

Indeed, further talks may yield results which would bring lasting benefits, not only to the Middle East, but to the United States and to the rest of the world. Everyone prays for peace. We can only wait and see.

Lithuanian President Explains Nazi War Criminal Controversy to American Jewish Committee

Vytautas Landsbergis, president of the republic of Lithuania, said on Nov. 14 that his government is trying to establish the truth about Lithuanians accused of collaborating in Nazi war crimes.

In a luncheon talk to an audience of 100 at the headquarters of the American Jewish Committee, President Landsbergis denied published reports that Lithuania was trying to exonerate war criminals.

"In our legislation which deals with the rehabilitation of people who resisted Soviet rule, we have made a very specific exception that those people who participated in crimes against humanity cannot be rehabilitated," he said.

Mr. Landsbergis noted that, to date, there have been 500 cases where appeals for rehabilitation have been denied.

"But," he continued, those who accused Lithuania of exonerating war criminals, "did not note the distinctions made between categories of people who were being rehabilitated.

"One of these categories includes those people who went into the anti-Soviet resistance in 1945. No one doubts their right to be rehabilitated as citizens who were resisting foreign rule.

"Another category of people were well known to have collaborated with the Nazis and participated in the Holocaust. Some of the people in this category were accused and convicted and served sentences. Others are under suspicion and are being investigated in other countries. We have signed agreements with your government and with the governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada to cooperate in investigating these cases," he added.

It is within the third category of individuals that President Landsbergis stated it is "sometimes not so easy to determine where the truth lies." This group, which he said is not made up of a great many people, are those who might have participated in collaboration with the Nazis but also participated in the anti-Soviet resistance. He did not specify the numbers involved.

"In investigating this category, we have found that there have been some decisions made which were dubious or doubtful. We cannot agree with some organizations in this country that suggest we should accept all KGB documents, which are the primary source for convictions in these cases, on their face. Finally, we have gotten control over KGB archives and we are able to conduct a thorough investigation of all the documentary evidence they collected against these individuals."

Summing up on this controversial topic, President Landsbergis said: "We consider these questions with the utmost seriousness and we very much want the truth to be established."

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From the Editor

We are disturbed that hatemonger David Duke received hundreds of thousands of votes from white citizens in Louisiana's election for Governor. It is frightening to note that he has gained support from people all over the United States, and that Duke might run for national office.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) announced Nov. 20 that it has "introduced a program called, 'Duke Watch,' which monitors his words and activities as David Duke continues his efforts to mainstream and sanitize bigotry."

ADL reported that "David Duke's statements that 'America's fundamentally a Christian country' and that the 'Jewish people (should) become Christians' drew fire" from the organization. "In a Nov. 18 interview with CBS News anchor Dan Rather, Duke also compared affirmative action programs to Hitler's notorious Nuremberg laws."

ADL National Director Abraham H. Foxman said: "We are sickened—though not surprised—by Duke's latest outrageous statements, which are a double-edged sword aimed at blacks and Jews, Duke's favorite targets of hate for the past 20 years.

"His belief that America is fundamentally a Christian country is an affront to all Americans who cherish the religious freedom guarantees of our Constitution. Almost all Christian denominations have denounced attempts to convert Jews as a form of spiritual aggressiveness that does not follow the spirit of the Gospels.

"Duke's crude attempt to compare affirmative action programs to Hitler's Nuremberg laws—which were used by Hitler to isolate Jews just before the Holocaust—can only be described as ludicrous. (The Nuremberg laws, issued in 1935, stripped Jews of their German citizenship, prevented mixed marriages between 'Aryans' and Jews, and systematically excluded Jews from German life.)

"Duke's continued campaign of hate, based on his affection for Nazi and Klan ideology, must be rejected by all Americans if we are to prevent Duke or Duke clones from gaining political strength again."

We will follow this matter with great concern in the future.

Ruth Goldberg

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Turning to recent efforts by the Lithuanian government to reach out to Jews, President Landsbergis noted the re-dedication of the building which houses the Jewish Cultural Institute, work with municipalities to restore Jewish cemeteries, support for the Jewish state museum, and the reestablishment of Sunday schools for Jews.

"One of the smaller steps we took, but one which you should be aware of, was our decision to forbid the dissemination, through newsstands, of Soviet literature and periodicals that contain anti-Semitism. Perhaps it is not necessary for me to add that our laws prohibit acts of anti-Semitism and that we see no signs of anti-Semitism in Lithuania."

On relations with Israel, Mr. Landsbergis told the AJC group: "We have a good relationship with the State of Israel. Our independent government recognizes the State of Israel and the State of Israel has recognized the Republic of Lithuania. I say this in a tone of celebration and expressing the hope that we can look forward to a good future."

President Landsbergis added that Lithuania intends to vote to repeal United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3379, which alleges Zionism to be a form of racism.

Roaming The Past With David Schulman





Mr. and Mrs. Morris Drucker

The river was red, red from the bloody battle, as the Drucker family returned to their *shtetle*. They had been warned by the Germans to leave, to go to a tent encampment about twenty miles away. That was the only way safety could be assured. Morris Drucker was a little boy, but he still vividly remembers the big fires he could see on the horizon. He remembers walking back to their home with dead people, dead animals lying on both sides of the road. And oh that blood red river. Fortunately, the Drucker home was still intact, but soon it would be time to leave Russia for a new home in America.

Morris Drucker is now in his nineties, lives in the Hilltop Nursing Home in Spartanburg near his son, Meyer. He has lost his legs and some of his memories. But Morris Drucker remembers what is important to him, to his children, to his country.

"Hard work, that is what I told my children, the Devil will get you if you don't work hard," Morris Drucker says as he lies on his side telling me his story. Meyer had called me in response to an ad I had run in the *Times Outlook* as a freelance writer. He said his father might like to talk about old times. He did.

"Thirty-nine cents, maybe sixty-nine cents, for what you call it, a hot plate. That is what I cooked on when I was single and lived in the back of my store." When I asked Morris what made him feel good, he says that a good customer buying lots of cloth, "Yeh, Yeh, that's what made me feel good."

Morris Drucker came to America with his parents at age fourteen. His mother, "a Yiddisha Momma," he keeps reminding me, became sick on the way and had to be quarantined for a week or so before they could leave Ellis Island. His brother, Hymie, who had come to America earlier, came to get them and take them back to McCormick, S.C. Morris's brother-in-law, Abram Daitch, had a wholesale company in Augusta, Ga. and helped Morris get merchandise. "Abram was such a good man," Morris tells me time and time again.

"Did you see my picture up there on the wall?" On the wall is a picture of a young Morris with the words printed on it, "Baby Peddler." Morris was one of the youngest route peddlers his customers had ever seen, thus he became known as the "Baby Peddler."

"Lou and I had a two-week route. I bought a wooden Studebaker wagon and Lou, my horse. I took care of Lou, Oh yeh, I took care of Lou, and he (the horse) took care of me."

Morris says one of the more interesting things he remembers about the women he sold goods to on his route was that many had lived through the Civil War. They told him money had been worthless, just as it had been in Russia during the Revolution. Morris traveled those unpaved roads, selling his piece goods. No credit, strictly cash or occasionally some eggs or chickens in trade.

Eventually, Morris opened his first store in Fountain Inn, S.C. He took pride in always working hard. "I saved my money, every penny I could."

Salesmen told Morris there was a good opportunity for a store in Denmark, S.C. He opened his store there and was in business until 1967. He met his wife, Ida Belle, while he attended the High Holy Days services in Augusta. She was a "good woman, a good mother. I lost her about six years ago."

Morris is also proud of his plaque on the wall given to him for over 60 years as a member of the Masonic Lodge in Denmark.

One interesting thing that this writer has never thought of before but now it has been mentioned to me for the second time by two different former immigrants, was that many of those arriving on Ellis Island from Russia had never seen a Black person before. "I was scared, I didn't know what to think at first," Morris smiles.

"I taught my five children, four sons and one daughter, to all work hard and they have," Morris says, now getting a little tired after an hour interview. The Drucker children are Meyer of Spartanburg, professor of accounting at USC Spartanburg; Ted of Atlanta, Ga., regional internal audit director of HUD; Herb of Washington, D.C., director of computer systems of the American Red Cross; Tobie of Columbia, S.C., a merchant; and Fay Novit of Charleston, S.C.

Times change. Eras end. But the really important things should never change. Like remembering those that helped you get through hard times, even including a horse named Lou. Like what we now call in formal terms, entrepreneurial spirit. Morris just calls it plain hard work. I sense persistence, too. He did not know the language, the math, but he tried, oh how he tried, and he won. Morris Drucker is an example of the many who used similar qualities to succeed while facing adversity. We can all use a big dose of that medicine in this country today. After all, Morris, we don't want the Devil to get us, do we?

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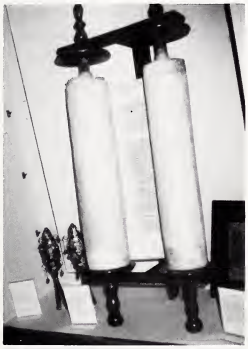
A Sefer Torah, identified as Scroll No. 1058 of the Czech Memorial Scrolls, was dedicated at Temple Emanuel during the Shabbat service on Nov. 8 commemorating "Kristallnacht." This Torah is literally all that is left of a congregation in Klatovy, Czechoslovakia. The thousand-year-old Jewish community came to an end during the Holocaust. The final solution of the Czechoslovakian "Jewish problem" resulted in the murder of 277,000 of the 356,000 Jews who lived within Czechoslovakia's pre-Munich borders.

The scroll, one of 1,564, came to Westminster Synagogue in London on Feb. 7, 1964. The scrolls had been gathered together in Prague from desolated synagogues of Bohemia and Moravia by the Nazi official in charge of the Czech protectorate. Scroll No. 1058 has been assigned on "permanent loan" to Temple Emanuel by the Memorial Scrolls Trust. The Czech scroll has been placed in the Judaica Museum in Temple Emanuel. It was donated by Ellis Katz and Robert and Natalie Miller in memory of Bess Miller Katz.

Judaica Museum

The Judaica Museum was conceived and brought to being in 1988 by Vera and Milton Goldberg. Donations to the Judaica Fund enable a committee to select ancient and modern objects. Individual members of the congregation have also donated items belonging to their families and have purchased pieces in honor of special occasions.

Some items in the museum include



Czech Torah scroll in Judaica Museum, Temple Emanuel, Winston Salem.

19th century Persian Torah finials; a charity box from Hungary, circa 1890s; a 19th century silver spice container; an Esther scroll, circa 1875, of Austro-Hungarian origin; and Russian interlocking silver marriage cups, circa 1920. More contemporary pieces are a silver wine goblet, a handpainted porcelain Kiddush cup and a silver marriage ring. A copper, brass and enamel Seder plate was executed by Linda Gissen, sculptor of Judaica. A glowing Mezzuza housed in crystal is the work of Yaacov Agam. Moshe Zabari created the brass Yahrzeit lamp for the six million Jews.

Temple News

Temple Emanuel paid tribute to the Blumenthal Jewish Home and the residents during the Shabbat service on Nov. 15. Ellis Berlin, president, Don Morris, executive vice president, and Sue Clein, director of marketing/public relations/volunteer services, were the speakers.

For several years, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz and the Temple Education Committee have planned a service involving representatives of various Winston-Salem elementary and secondary school systems. The Building Bridges of Understanding Sabbath was held on Nov. 22. Larry Coble, superintendent of the Winston-Forsyth County public schools, Gordon Bingham, headmaster of Forsyth Country Day School, and Sandra Adams, director of The Summit School, spoke to the congregation, our children, their friends and teachers.

Happy Chanukah!

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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom's new building, designed by The Princeton Architectural Studio: a joint venture between Kehrt Shatken Sharon Architects and Michael Landau, Associates, was cited for Commendation in an exhibition of 78 entries in the annual exhibition sponsored by the New Jersey Society of Architects.

The Jury was comprised of four out-of-state professionals with national reputations in their fields of design. They were: Steven C. Gatschet, AIA; John Owen Higgins; Robert A. M. Stern, FAIA; and Stanley Tigerman, FAIA.

This is a real tribute to the design capability of The Princeton Architectural Studio.

In citing this project, the Jury had this to say:

"This building conveys a certain attitude about religion and theology in America that's very strong, very believable and moving. The combination of tradition and contemporary image is very successful."

Temple Beth El V'Shalom is proud that its new building and The Princeton Architectural Studio were cited for this Commendation.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Rabbi Birnham is conducting an Introduction to Judaism Class, which started on Oct. 29. It will continue for the entire year. It is an open class to all Jews and non-Jews interested in learning about Judaism, its customs, traditions, its values, what it teaches about living, how it adds to one's life and what it is all about. In a warm and nurturing environment, students are studying, reading, asking questions and discussing issues that are vital to our lives.

Other classes are the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Learn to Read Hebrew classes.

At UNCA, on four Thursday evenings in October, classes were held on Bio-Medical Ethics, which Rabbi Birnham taught, and Dr. Ron Manheimer and Kathy Meachum taught Comparing Judaism and Christianity classes.

Congratulations to Gene and Claire Toreky on the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Rachele Rephan of Charleston, S.C. and Far Hills, N.J., to Barry Solondz of Warren, N.J.

To add to the list of Holiday Thank Yous: to Harry Lerner for the Kipot; to the following persons who donated flowers for Rosh Hashanah, Ruth and Morris Fox, in honor of their parents; Yom Kippur, Sara Goldstein, in memory of her husband, Bernard Goldstein; and Simchat Torah, the Deutsch family, in honor of the Sunday School children; to Ken Schapira, for being in charge of the ushers; to Joe Gullotta and the Ritual Committee for all their hard work; to Abe Freedman and Joseph Schandler for handling the honors; to Kay Miller and Betty Sharpless for all their support; to the Children's Service Committee, chaired by Debi Miles; to the Daycare Committee, chaired by Marlene Joyce; to Bob Deutsch, our dynamic president; to the following people for the Kiddush refreshments on Sukkot: Claire Toreky, Arlene Schandler, Ruth Gaynes, the Deutsch family and Ileana Grams; and to Barbara Laibson, who assisted on the Break-the-Fast.

A big thanks to Bob Deutsch for donating the office furniture for our new library and office.

In a Sept. 8th competition for business to business advertising produced in the Carolinas, David Gaynes won nine of the twenty-eight awards given, including five golds—Mazel Tov.

Congratulations to the new officers of the Youth Group: Lauren Seidenberg and Brett Schoenberg, co-presidents; Elissa Jacobs and Barbara Banadyga, v.p.s fundraising; Gates Hurand, v.p. special events; Robin Deutsch and Dana Friedman, programming; Jessica Reed, sec.; Tammy Gabai, treas.; Dana Carr, membership.

Our first Family Shabbat of the new school year was held on Friday, Nov. 1. There was a brief service, followed by a meal coordinated by Barbara Miller. On Saturday, Nov. 2, there were Shabbat classes with teachers and a special Shabbat service with a Kiddush following.

Introducing our newest Synagogue members: The Betsalel Family, The Cotler Family, David and Elizabeth Davis, The Eisenberg Family, The Friedman Family, Sanford and Muriel Gelbert, Frank Goldsmith, Abraham and Dorothy Golf, Alan Laibson, The Lee Family, The Manheimer Family, Sharyn McDonald, Mel and Ellie Miller, Marvin and Eugenie Newmark, Cliff Pine, Bob Prigoff, Craig Sommers, and our newest associate members: Lee and Alvina Duffner, Bryna Liebowitz, Jeffrey Slosman, Sander and Frema Sokoloff, and Harold and Sylvia Swid.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Friendship Circle

The season's second monthly Sabbath meeting was held on Oct. 5. Following coffee, cake and a brief worship service, the meaning of the Sabbath was discussed, as were the High Holy Days.

Adult Education

A class entitled "Explaining Reform Judaism," given by Rabbi Bluming, met Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 in Unger Hall. The course is based on a book by the same name written by Rabbi Eugene Borowitz. Questions explored included why the early reformers added a service on Sunday morning, why some cover their heads at Reform services and some do not, why one of the glorious features of Reform is that it never stops asking questions, and much more.

The Sisterhood

On Oct. 6, a Sisterhood-sponsored forum was held on the topic "Why Religious Education?" The forum opened with a panel presenting their views on the questions of the purpose of religious education, what it should be like, what the responsibility of parents regarding it is, and how children of intermarriage experience it. Panelists were Evan Gilreath, Kerry Friedman, Susan Linn and Betsy Katell.

The presentations were followed by open discussion by the audience. Leah Karpen was moderator. Sisterhood provided a continental breakfast beforehand.

One of the conclusions reached was that more parental involvement is of vital importance to the functioning of the school. It was also suggested that outside speakers be invited from time to time to describe their religious school experiences and offer their ideas on the subject.

The Brotherhood

The first in the latest series of Brotherhood brunches was held on Oct. 20 in Unger Hall. The traditional brunch fare was served. Featured speaker was David Seidenberg, executive director of the Jewish Community Center, who reported on his recent trip to Israel.

United Nations Sabbath

In observance of U.N. Day on Oct. 24, Rabbi Bluming invited Counselor Patrick Killough of the U.S. Foreign Service to speak to the Congregation on Friday, Oct. 18. His subject was "The United Nations Charter: American Jewish Contributions, October 1944-July 1945." He focused first on the work of U.S. Representative Sol Bloom of Manhattan, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and also discussed President Truman's advocacy of Asheville as the permanent seat of the United Nations.

Mishpacha-Outreach-Mixed Married-Jews by Choice

The group met for good food and nourishing talk on Oct. 12 at the home of Betsy and Barry Katell in Arden.

New and New-Again Members

Welcome to Dr. Larry and Kathy Rosenberg and sons, Samuel and Ethan. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rosenberg and the brother of Ellen Gilreath. And welcome again to Leslie and Shirley Cohen who have returned to Asheville after an absence of 20 years and have rejoined our congregation.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to David and Debbie Lerner on the birth of Jonathan Paul Lerner. Mrs. Paul Lerner is the happy grandmother.

Personals

Stang-Weinberg Wedding Greensboro, N.C.

Amanda Ann Stang and Dr. Howard S. Weinberg, both of Chapel Hill, N.C., were married Oct. 12, 1991 in Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro, N.C. Rabbi Eliezer Havivi officiated and Rabbi Robert Sandman of High Point, N.C. co-officiated. Tamara Miller addressed the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Stang of Greensboro. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Montague Weinberg of Karmiel, Israel and formerly of Bournemouth, England.

The bride is pursuing a graduate degree in educational media and instructional design at UNC-Chapel Hill. The groom is a post-doctoral fellow in environmental science at UNC-Chapel Hill.

News of Kinston, N.C.

by Mrs. Sol Schechter

Arnold Schechter honored his parents, Sol and Pearl Schechter in Sept. at a dinner dance, held at the Walnut Creek Country Club, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives in attendance came from Israel, Canada and all parts of the United States.

Rabbi David Rose performed at a very meaningful ceremony at which Sol and Pearl renewed their vows prior to the dinner dance. Relatives and friends hosted a beautiful luncheon for the out of town visitors the previous afternoon and Harriet Chused and her family hosted a delicious brunch on Sunday morning.

On Friday night Eva Fuchs hosted a magnificent dinner party in honor of her devoted son-in-law, Sol Schechter, on his 75th birthday. It was a memorable weekend!

Fortunately, I can report a few other momentous events in Sept. Dina Kaler and Neil Jacobson were married in Atlanta on Sept. 1. Dina is the granddaughter of Ida Kanter and the daughter of Sylvia Kaler. Hannah and Efriem Bekerman celebrated their 20th anniversary on Sept. 12 on a cruise in the Caribbean.



Mr. and Mrs. Sol Schechter

Sarah Page was 65 on Simchat Torah. Her children: the Bekermans, Jinkins and Rabhans honored her with a beautiful party, and the guests presented her with a magnificent watch.

Our heartiest congratulations to all the honorees. May they enjoy many more milestone events in good health.

The Greenville-Kinston chapter of Hadassah heard a National speaker, Mrs. Judith Saxe, on Oct. 29.

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Charlotteans Participate in UJA President's Mission in Israel

Baila and John Pransky and Ada and Sol Shapiro of Charlotte were among the nearly 800 Jewish leaders from throughout the United States who met in Israel October 17-22 in a humanitarian and fundraising show of support for Israel.

After hearing Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir call on American Jews to substantially increase their UJA contributions for immigrant absorption, members of the UJA President's Mission to Israel accepted his challenge by raising a total of $21.9 million.

UJA National Chairman Marvin Lender, who led the mission, announced the fund-raising results. He said that of the $21.9 million, the mission raised $13.9 million for the 1992 UJA/Federation Regular Campaign, a 22 percent increase over pledges by the same donors last year, and $8 million for Operation Exodus, the special campaign to aid the resettlement of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

"Operation Exodus is essential to Soviet and Ethiopian Jewish immigration and absorption," said Lender. "The Regular Campaign is equally important as it addresses other basic Jewish needs in Israel, the U.S. and elsewhere and is our bread and butter. I'm confident that American Jewry will join with Israelis and help Jews everywhere achieve a better life."

The Prime Minister's address was one of the highlights of a whirlwind five days in Israel during which representatives from 58 American Jewish communities met Israeli leaders in government and politics, including President Chaim Herzog, who hosted the mission, and former Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Mission participants observed their campaign dollars in action in programs and services of the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee which are funded primarily by UJA/Federation Campaigns. They met new Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants, observed the absorption process firsthand, and visited Youth Aliyah villages for troubled teenagers, Project Renewal neighborhoods, and rural communities. They also viewed facilities for the elderly and handicapped.

Most participants arrived in Israel following optional pre-missions to either Czechoslovakia, Morocco, Poland, Spain, Turkey or the U.S.S.R.

For additional information on the full range of UJA missions, please call the UJA Mission Department at (212) 818-9100, ext. 336.

Organizations

Greensboro Federation Wins 1991 CJF Goodall Award

The Greensboro, N.C. Jewish Federation was selected as one of the winners of the 1991 Charles Goodall Award, according to Dr. Jerome O. Sugar, chairman of the CJF Small Federations Steering Committee.

The Goodall Award, presented at the 60th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Baltimore in November, recognizes Small Federation programming which reflects innovation and creativity, and which can serve as a model for other communities.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation was honored for its "Long Range Planning Program," which was developed in response to growing pressure on the Federation to determine needs and establish future program directions for the Jewish community.

A three step process was undertaken by the Long Range Planning Committee which included: identifying issues, focus groups designed to validate perceived concerns and to provide guidance in charting Federation's direction, and round table discussions to establish consensus and prioritization. The program demonstrated that a small community could complete a sophisticated planning process and achieve significant results.

The Council of Jewish Federations, whose National Committee on Small Federations established the Goodall Award in honor of its founding chairman, Charles Goodall, is the continental association of 189 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

Established in 1932, CJF helps strengthen the work and the impact of Jewish Federations by developing programs to meet changing needs, providing an exchange of successful community experiences, establishing guidelines for fund raising and operations and engaging in joint planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional and international needs.

Hadassah Gift Wrap Opens Dec. 2 at Crabtree Valley Mall Raleigh, N.C.

by Johanna Lurie

For the sixteenth year, the Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah, a Jewish women's service and charitable organization, is operating a Gift Wrap for Charity at Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh. Proceeds are used to support medical research and treatment.

Located on the Mall's Lower Level in front of Dunkin' Donuts, the Gift Wrap Booth opened Monday, Dec. 2 and runs through Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24. The hours will be the same as those of the Mall.

Hadassah Gift Wrappers have a reputation throughout the Raleigh area as the best in the business. More than 100 volunteers (mostly women, but a few men, too!) are plying their expertise for charity. Prices start at $1.00.

Chapter News

A brunch honoring the Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah's 175 life members was held at the home of Noel Lichtin of Raleigh, Nov. 17. Scrumptious food, good company and fun were had by all.

Our Nov. 12 general meeting was held at Beth Meyer Synagogue. Our guest speaker, from the American Civil Liberties Union, talked about the

current issues of separation of church and state.

WHO ME?, a very informative Breast Cancer Awareness program, was presented at our Oct. 23 general meeting.

Our Big Gifts Dessert Reception this year was graciously hosted by Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum on Oct. 27. We were honored to have as our guest Judith Saxe, a member of the National Service Committee of Hadassah. She presented an overview of current world issues and then focused on Israel. We were also treated to an executive level up-date on what Hadassah is doing to meet the current challenges. It was a fun filled evening as well as an inspiring one.

Our morning study group met at Beth Meyer Synagogue Library Oct. 8 with Sylvia Holtzman as study leader; we met again on Nov. 12 at Sha'arai Israel/Lubavitch with Rabbi Pinkus Herman as leader.

Sephardic Jewry is the subject of our evening study group. They met at the homes of Phyllis Senzel on Oct. 23 and Adele Kaplan on Nov. 19.

For additional information about the work of Hadassah and the Raleigh Chapter, please contact Mrs. Arlene Kanner or Mrs. Irene Silverstein, both of Raleigh.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

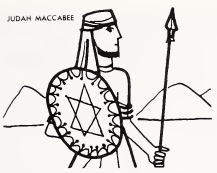
by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Chanukah

Chanukah, the festival of lights, begins this year on Sunday evening, Dec. 1, and concludes the following Sunday. The most obvious ritual in the holiday is the nightly kindling of the Chanukah candles.

Lubavitch has planned many holiday activities in the Carolinas, which are open to the public. On Sunday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m., Lubavitch will host an outdoor communal Chanukah lighting ceremony at the ARBORETUM SHOPPING CENTER at Providence Road and Rt. 51 in southeast Charlotte.

Traditional holiday refreshments and delicious treats will welcome the participants and observers at this



Happy Chanukah!

monumental event. A giant 12-foot Menorah will be kindled with a holiday torch being passed ceremoniously through the crowd.

In Columbia, the ceremony will be held at *Columbia Mall* on the first Sunday of Chanukah at 4 p.m., led by Rebbi Hesh Epstein and local dignitaries.

Also, on Sunday, Dec. 1, 3-5 p.m., Carolina communities will be able to view an historic television program, CHANUKAH LIVE, which will air on many cable TV stations in North and South Carolina.

CHANUKAH LIVE is a live link-up via satellite of enormous Chanukah celebrations occurring simultaneously around the world. CHANUKAH LIVE is the first attempt of its kind to utilize global communications technology to unite people the world over in an expression of freedom and unity.

CHANUKAH LIVE's television audience will watch as tens of thousands of Chanukah celebrants in landmark locations around the world—the Western Wall; the Eiffel Tower; the Kremlin, where, for the first time in history 6,000 Soviet Jews will celebrate Chanukah in its great hall; Hong Kong; Melbourne, Australia; and New York—join each other in Chanukah Menorah lighting ceremonies.

The chief Rabbi of Israel and many heads of State will offer their Chanukah greetings, followed by a live holiday address by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

In Charlotte, CHANUKAH LIVE will be seen on Cablevision channel 33 and on Vision Cable TV 13/Mecklenburg; in Raleigh and Durham, on Cablevision channel 23. The program will also be available in Columbia and Myrtle Beach, S.C. For more information and details on other cities in the Carolinas, please call the Lubavitch office at (704) 366-3984.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, a grand Chanukah dinner will be held at Shalom Park in Charlotte hosted by the Lubavitch Day School and Preschool. In addition to a delicious holiday meal, participants will be entertained by Lubavitch school children with a special Chanukah performance. The event is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.; dinner tickets are $15 per person.

A colorful Chanukah guide has been sent to more than 6,000 Jewish families in North Carolina. The brochure contains Chanukah instructions, historical data and helpful hints on how to enrich the Chanukah holiday.

International Convention

The first weekend in November, all the Lubavitch Carolina rabbis gathered in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, N.Y. for an international convention of emissaries of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita. They joined more than 1,000 delegates from all over the world who met for four days of discussions, lectures and camaraderie.

The highlight of the convention was the special address of the world Lubavitch leader, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who spoke to the massive gathering at the world headquarters of Lubavitch. The Rebbe emphasized the Torah portion of the week in which the offspring of the Jewish patriarch Yitzchack is described. He explained that the good deeds of the righteous are considered as if they were their offsprings. Therefore, the Rebbe encouraged us to increase good deeds.

The Rebbe also pointed to the fact that this year is a year of wonders "in the essence" of the year, and it is up to us to bring forth the great wonders and blessings of the Almighty by doing "good and kindness." The Rebbe also said that the time is ripe for the coming of Moshiach, but we must do our part which could only hasten the era of peace in the world.



Senior adults and children make new friends at "Shabbat Sharing" luncheon.

Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

It has been a busy, funfilled fall for the children of the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. We have gone from the High Holidays to events such as "Bagels and Blocks," visits from the Children's Outreach Theater and a trip to the Nature Museum. Of course Friday morning Shabbat programs, with guests from Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom, continue to be the highlight of tne week.

On Oct. 25 the four year olds enjoyed Shabbat twice as much. After the regular program they participated in the "Shabbat Sharing" luncheon with the Charlotte J.C.C. Chai group. The luncheon was organized by Marcia Stern, director of senior adult programs. The results were heart warming, as senior adults and children became friends over lunch.

With November came the celebration of Jewish Book Month. The Jewish Book Festival on Nov. 24 brought a visit from the story teller.

This year we went from the Thanksgiving program on Nov. 27 right into Chanukah, with a craft party on Dec. 4. Roz Cooper, educational director of Temple Israel will be conducting the Friday morning Shabbat program, open to the community, in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park on Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

If you are moving to the Charlotte area or would like information regarding the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, contact Carol Klein by phone at (704) 366-5007, or write to Charlotte Jewish Preschool, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

Teachers' Inservice Workshop

Make It & Take It—A Hands-On Workshop will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1992 at Shalom Park in Charlotte from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

For further information, call CAJE (704) 366-5007, or write to CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270-0082.

M & M's Workshops in Charlotte

CAJE has planned the following "M & M's" workshops for the first quarter of 1992. On Sunday, Jan. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., we offer "Meeting Moses, Meeting Maimonides." This is a chance to meet your favorite "M" character from Jewish history, live and in-person.

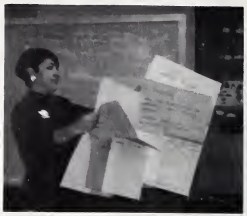
On Sunday, Feb. 16, M & M's goes to Sunday School in "M & M's Mitzvah Mall," from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a joint family education Tzedakah program of CAJE, Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom for children in grades 3 through 5.

And on Sunday, March 29, CAJE presents "Medinat Yisrael—Making Israel" from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., described as a hands-on afternoon of fun, creating Israel in Charlotte.

For more information, please call Lenora Stein at (704) 366-5007.

What is CAJE?

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) is the central agency for Jewish education in the Carolinas. Located in Charlotte, housed in the new Jewish education annex building at Shalom Park, CAJE provides a range of Jewish educational services to a network of Jewish schools, congregations, Jewish community centers and individual members across the Carolinas, southern Virginia and West Virginia. Like the spokes of a wheel emanating from Charlotte, CAJE materials and programs reach from Wilmington in the east to Asheville in the west, from Charleston, S.C. in the south to Lynchburg, Va. in the north.



Dr. Leora Isaacs, director of research for JESNA (The Jewish Education Service of North America), presented a workshop, "Jewish Family Matters," about intergenerational programming for Jewish schools. She demonstrated many different activities and games for families.

Rabbi Ron Isaacs presented a workshop on Jewish instructional games. More than 60 teachers attended, Nov. 3.

The cornerstone of the agency is the multi-media Jewish Education Resource Center which provides quality Jewish learning materials in person and through the mail to its affiliated members. With a completely computerized access catalogue, the Resource Center houses well over 3000 individual items. The most popular materials include over 200 available videos that may be borrowed—that's why CAJE is sometimes called the "Blockbuster video of Jewish Charlotte"! Other materials include games, music audio cassettes, computer software, posters, slides, filmstrips, arts and crafts kits, resource boxes (on Israel, Jewish travel and music, for example), books, teachers' guides, curricular materials, publishers' catalogues and other print and non-print media materials. Everything in the Resource Center may be borrowed on loan—including the artwork on the walls!

Other central services provided by CAJE include:

- Jewish teacher Inservice and Preservice Workshop programs.

- "M & M's: Memories, Mitzvot & Mishpochah," Community-wide Jewish family education program (co-sponsored with synagogues).
- Charlotte Jewish Historical Society.
- Kids' CAJE Page—regular educational activity feature for children published in the Charlotte Jewish News, Wake County Federation News, Greensboro Federation News.
- Creative Project of the Year Awards—cash prize awards to Jewish teachers annually.
- Scholarships for Jewish teachers to pursue professional growth through Conference attendance.
- Laminating and button-making services.
- Jewish Teachers' Outlet Store—a resource for teachers and others to obtain specialized supplies for creating original learning materials for classrooms and homes.
- Charlotte Jewish Principals' Council.
- The CAJE PAGE—a networking newsletter for Jewish teachers.
- Joint sponsorship of Jewish educational workshops, series and programs with other Jewish organizations (speakers, storytellers, forums, etc.)—such as Women's Division of Federation, the Joint Adult Institute, the JCC.
- Jewish teacher advocacy.
- Educational consultation and outreach in the non-Jewish community with organizations such as the NCCJ, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Schools, local theatre groups, etc.
- Curricular consultation to CAJE member schools and organizations.
- Jewish teacher recognition programs.

Lenora Stein is the executive director of CAJE; Rabbi Robert A. Seigel is advisor.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), and is funded through grants from the Blumenthal Foundation, the CAJWM, the Charlotte Jewish Federation, the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation and is supported by member fees.

For further information, write CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270, or phone (704) 366-5007.

ORT Israel Is First To Offer New Degree In Technology

As part of broad reforms in the area of technical education, Israel's Ministry of Education has designated ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) the first institutional framework to award the new Bachelor of Education in Technology (B.E.T.) degree.

The ORT school to grant the new B.E.T. degree is Jerusalem's ORT School of Engineering. Zevulun Hammer, Israel's Minister of Education, indicated, however, that Karmiel's ORT Braude School of Technology will shortly be given the same accreditation. He added that the Council for Higher Education which he chairs, "asked universities also to develop a Masters Program in Technological Education which could absorb students awarded the B.E.T. degree."

The B.E.T. degree has never before been offered in Israel. The decision to offer this degree reflects the government's intent to expand Israel's capacity to provide high technology education. It is based on the widely shared belief that Israel's technological capability holds the key to its future growth and social development. The development of the country's technological base is expected to lead to job creation, thereby improving employment prospects for Israel's workforce and for the new immigrants arriving from the Soviet Union.

Anyone interested in knowing more about ORT, call Crown City Chapter in Charlotte, Peggie Rovman, (704) 552-2010. Join the more than 100,000 women who support the United States ORT program.

U.S. Maccabiah Team Welcomes Back South Africa and Soviet Delegates to the 1993 World Maccabiah Games

When the United States Maccabiah Team marches into Ramat Gan Stadium at the 14th World Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 1993, they will be joined by more than 43 countries, including South Africa. The South Africans' official return marks a 16-year absence to the two-week quadrennial competition, according to

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Books, Arts and Media



Deborah, Golda and Me

by Letty Cottin Pogrebin
Crown Publishers Inc. 396 pp. $22
Reviewed by Rabbi Leah Benamy

Everyone knows immediately who Golda is, and "me" is rather obvious, but who is this mysterious Deborah? Dimly we recall some minor female Biblical figure, but we can't remember where her story is in the Tanach, or what kind of person she was, or why she might be significant to the nature of the book. Our curiosity is aroused, and we begin to read about the life of Letty Cottin Pogrebin, or, as the book is subtitled, "Being Female and Jewish in America."

Step by step, Pogrebin "unpacks" the meaning of the title, while also revealing a knack for storytelling as well as other, more serious, intellectual capabilities. The book is much more than a personal history, an anecdotal treasure chest; it is in part a strident declaration that things could be better for women in America, particularly Jewish women.

Pogrebin takes us around the world and inside the minds of a wide variety of fascinating people, from New York Orthodox and secular Jews to moderate Palestinian Arabs and left-wing radicals, incorporating a few Hadassah ladies along the way. There were many people whose thoughts and feelings about the state of Jews and Jewish women in America today came very close to my own. The author tries to answer the question "How positive has the treatment of women been from ancient days until now?" The Deborah mentioned is significant in this regard inasmuch as she was a respected political and military leader in her time. To find out some of the less well-known facts about former Prime Minister Golda Meir, turn to the pages 174-9, where she describes a meeting with this enigmatic world figure. Suffice it to say that Golda was not a card-carrying member of N.O.W.

There is no denying that being a feminist, i.e. being a person deeply committed to fair and equal treatment of all people without regard to gender, is an integral part of the author's identity. She delves into some of the motivating factors for this in the first part of the book: "Parents are Prologue," intimating that in the play which is one'e life story, one's home serves as the backdrop. This section is actually an intimate analysis of her childhood years, growing up with two radically different parents and a sister who hide important family information from her. The loss of her mother at a young age and the subsequent difficulty she had relating with her father may be familiar memories to some of us, but she strikes a more universal chord by describing a scene shortly after her mother's death, when her father, who had painstakingly trained her to celebrate becoming Bat Mitzvah, refuses to count her for the *shiva* Minyan (quorum of ten required for public prayer):

> "For my mother's *Kaddish* I can be counted in the Minyan. For God's sake, it's *your* house! It's *your* Minyan, Daddy."
> "Not allowed!" says my father. He calls the synagogue and asks them to send us a tenth man.
> (page 43)

Part two of the book provides us with a clear picture of some of the sources of spiritual strength which the author discovered in her journey through life as a woman sometimes on the fringes of Jewish identity. A self-described "twice-a-year" Jew for a considerable portion of her life, the author nonetheless asserts that she never truly gave up hope of finding greater relevancy and even joy in her people's heritage. It is only after she brings herself back into more constant contact with the Jewish world that she begins to wrestle with issues that face all Jews: anti-Semitism, racism within the Jewish community, being a supporter of Israel without betraying one's ethical values. To her credit, she does not shy away from difficult encounters, or particularly virulent personalities, preferring instead to persevere in her search for an integrated Jewish, feminist identity.

As a chronicle of one generation's quest for harmony between the many facets of a modern person's psyche, it is also helpful to those outside that particular generation who encounter many of the same issues in slightly changed form today. The author has often been on the cutting edge of feminist thought in her position as editor and writer at *Ms.* magazine, and in this volume she reprises what I consider a seminal article on anti-Semitism in the Women's Movement. No matter how bad things have gotten, she seems to be saying, let us not lose sight of the hope that together we can change our world, change ourselves and create a more equitable environment for everyone to share.

It was the final part of the book which I found most troubling, yet also the most hopeful. Entitled "Living With a Feminist Head and a Jewish Heart," this is the culmination of years of working towards a balance in her life. Here is where Pogrebin talks about an International Jewish Feminist Conference which, in one participant's words, was: . . .the first feminist conference I have ever attended at which the embrace of feminism has been so inclusive. Painful, but inclusive." (p. 323) The conflicts and differences in strategy almost pulled apart what became a very empowering phenomena for Jewish women all over the world. The fact that so many different views were accommodated in order to explore ways in which to improve Jewish women's lives was nothing short of inspiring.

While not an academic piece of writing, *Deborah, Golda and Me* con-

tains an exhaustive index as well as a very substantial bibliography. In summary then, I must confess that as a reader I was enlightened, amused and provoked to consider many of the questions Pogrebin raises in her discussion; women, Judaism and how those two combine in American society today. This is not a dry sociological study, however; it is an eminently readable book by a person who has published extensively, both in magazines and books. Even if you are not a feminist, not particularly active Jewishly, or someone who in general is not too concerned about the state of our world today, read this book for the delightful way the author ties together so many strands of modern identity. You may well find yourself nodding in agreement with much of what is written. At the very least, you will learn a great deal about how the numeric majority in this country has been perceived, and how we can change that to effect positive results for the entire Jewish community.

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And the Bridge is Love: Life Stories

by Faye Moskowitz
Beacon Press 148 pp. $17.95
Reviewed by Cynthia M. Chapman

Take a little of your Chanukah Gelt and get this delightful book by Moskowitz. It follows up her well-received earlier collections. If you have not read other things by her, she is well worth discovering.

Don't let the title fool you. This is not a collection of romantic drivel. She takes the title from Thornton Wilder. Love is the bridge that connects those living and those departed and Moskowitz uses memory as planks to build the bridges in these fifteen compact, compelling pieces.

Memory, central to Jewish history and identity, never allows the author to forget who she is or where she came from. She creates verbal etchings of other times and places with spare language and clear images. "Looking back, we perceive that a pattern has emerged as though the years were a bolt of color unfurling from the loom, woof and warp intricately, inextricably interwined, already established in spite of the artist whose life itself creates the art. We call these designs memory."

Moskowitz makes a patchwork quilt collection, plucking stories out of the different decades of her life. She begins with her husband's bout of sciatica and her memory of being a loving caregiver to a dying friend. Connecting with her friend made her feel more alive herself, she asserts. She captures that tug the heart feels when it is torn between the self and the other.

Moskowitz seems to be perpetually balancing herself against the outside world, a juxtaposition that leaves the reader richer. Her Jewishness, for example, is often reflected against the non-Jewish world as when she describes what it was like to grow up Jewish in Michigan in the thirties and forties. "Christmas," she writes, "was a miserable time for Jewish children." "Observing the dietary laws. . .was far easier for the handful of Jewish families. . .than getting through December without mixing the two holidays." She talks about the year the Seder was interrupted by local firemen and her father's sensitivity to their alien presence in the midst of the gentile world. Her awareness of her Jewish identity does not fade with time; she confronts a lifetime of dealing with anti-Semitism in her piece about bargain-hunting at a rural Virginia yard sale.

She recalls the problems and feelings stirred up when a daughter married a gentile. Humor and compassion abound in her family-centered pieces. She recounts, with just the right amount of self-mockery for seasoning, her over-indulgence in the pleasures of Jewish cuisine while at a weekend wedding celebration.

When she moves past the memories of long-gone decades into more recent events she skillfully hones the point of each selection. The Challenger disaster, for example, leads her to an observation about children, tragedy, and the instantaneous nature of modern communication and media. She talks about the importance of reading for children and champions the classics in her current teaching.

Even when describing more bitter fruits of her memory, she manages to balance emotion with detail. She writes about sexual abuse, AIDS, anti-Semitism, being a grandparent—and no topic seems forced. No point is driven home too forcibly. Rather, it is as if she weaves a memory quilt for the reader; the focus is first on one patch and then another. The reader can effortlessly follow the texture of her words and the beauty of her art. It is an excellent collection, a Jewish sampler of the memories of the author's life.

WHAT DOES BEING JEWISH MEAN? Read-Aloud Responses to Questions Jewish Children Ask About History, Culture, and Religion

by Rabbi E. B. Freedman, Jan Greenberg, and Karen A. Katz
Prentice-Hall 136 pp. paperback $7.95
Reviewed by Leonard J. Greenspoon and Talya L. Greenspoon

The scholar in me was skeptical when I first looked at this book: Was it really possible in fewer than 150 pages to cover Jewish history, culture and religion in a responsible, non-dogmatic, and accurate fashion? I tended to doubt it. However, the parent part of me, far larger (I hope) than the scholarly me, was delighted by the prospect of an entertaining introduction to Judaism through the format of 180 (10 times Chai) questions that would entice and instruct at the same time. Unfortunately, in the case of this slim volume, my scholarly first impression was largely confirmed as I and my nine-year old daughter went through the book in some detail.

There are, indeed, many fine features in this collaborative effort by an Orthodox rabbi, an author and an artist. The division of questions into a number of general areas—such as

Jewish Ideas, Celebration of Life, Death, the Bible and Synagogue/Temple is sensible and generally reflects the way in which children are likely to approach these topics. There is a helpful glossary and an index (about which I will say more below). Indeed, the answers presented to many questions are accurate and filled with exciting and surprising tidbits of knowledge (for example, few adults, not to mention children, are likely to be familiar with the origins of the Dreidel or the Purim custom of writing the name Amalek on the soles of shoes, which then become very effective noise makers).

On the other hand, the scholar in me cannot help wincing at the book's characterization of Jesus as a Talmudic student (he was many things, but surely not this), the description of the New Testament as Christianity's version of the Bible (can the authors really be unaware that the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament forms part of the Bible of every Christian today?), the restriction of Yiddish's development to the period of the last 100 (!) years, and so forth. Nor am I any less uneasy with statements about the Bible that fly in the face of the Biblical text itself, such as the remark that members of the Sanhedrin appointed the kings of ancient Israel and Judah. In spite of a Jewish tradition to that effect, there is nothing in the Hebrew Bible itself that would lead to such a conclusion. Without providing some explanation at this point, the authors obscure or confuse rather than illuminate.

Even more serious, from the perspective of a non-Orthodox Jewish parent, is the authors' failure to live up to their own claims of inclusiveness. Based on the questions asked here, we would have to conclude that Jewish children have never seen or even heard of a woman rabbi, women counted in a Minyan, women donning the Tallit, and so forth. It is well and good for the authors to present and even emphasize traditional approaches and practices, but it does a disservice to the very audience they intended to address when they ignore the experience of at least two out of every three Jewish children in America.

Finally, I am the kind of reader who looks carefully at the completeness and usefulness of an index. Unfortunately, I was unable to locate the very first topic I sought. The publicity that accompanied this volume singled out as a representative question, "Why does G-d let animals get hit by cars?" In seeking to locate that question and its answer, I looked in the index under animals, pets, cars and death—all to no avail. Only after reading the book itself did I find the question in the first section (Jewish ideas) and then in the index under "G-d"—not, I think the most obvious place to look.

But, after all, this volume is aimed at children, and I felt in all fairness that a child should have a chance to express her opinion. I asked my daughter Talya, aged 9, to provide her comments. Whether or not Talya represents an average reader of this book, I don't know (but after all what Jewish child is average?). However, when it comes to books, hers is a judgment I tend to trust, especially since she always tries to be positive. Here are Talya's comments: 1. I think some statements about girls are said like **They Do Not,** but that is mainly for Orthodox Jews. 2. They have a lot of things that you would not really know unless you watched the news a lot and that you really have not heard about. 3. Many things don't sound right from what I have heard. 4. Many things you would learn when you were little in Sunday school (or Hebrew school). 5. They have explained a lot of good things about like why Adam and Eve weren't Jewish and things like that.

In short, the Greenspoon family is able to give this book only a guarded and hesitant one thumb (or perhaps half a thumb) up. When it is revised and/or re-written, perhaps a larger group of parents, children and even scholars could be consulted. In concept, if not in execution, this book represents a wonderful notion. Such a good idea should not be abandoned, but definitely should be improved upon. As it is, this is a doubtful Chanukah present for this year. In revised form, it should be a best seller for future holiday seasons.

This review was written by Leonard J. Greenspoon and Talya L. Greenspoon. Talya is a fourth grade student at the Montessori School of Greenville (S.C.). Leonard is professor of religion at Clemson University. The Greenspoon family are members of Greenville's Congregation Beth Israel.

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Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

No Yawns in This Yarn

Patty Friedmann's *The Exact Image of Mother* (Viking, $18.95) is the exact image of a first-rate first novel. It is superbly well written, witty, sad, funny, poignant, flip, serious and most of all, accomplished beyond what one normally expects in an inaugural narrative effort. It rings with the authenticity of real experience closely lived and closely observed. Why is it so good?

For openers, it is astonishingly deceptive in the sense that the story runs as if it were on cruise-control, smoothly pacing itself, never breaking down like the protagonist's erratic Karmann Ghia. It sails on by without asking the reader to assume any responsibility. All one has to do is to sit back and enjoy the ride. The sheer entertainment factor is high. The book has style and class, and plenty of both. Yet underneath this highly sophisticated narrative expressway there exists a whole series of emotional subterranean tunnels, each with its own painful entrances and exits, on-going problems and special torments. That's where the deception comes in: you may think you can just go along for the ride but you can't. You have to get involved.

The emotional subterranean tunnels are ones which involve us on various levels, Jewish, male and female, parental, familial, human. The book opens with the spectre of unresolved feelings about the Holocaust and it ends with another spectre, the tidying up that follows one death by A.I.D.S. and another by Alzheimer's disease. In between, issues are raised and explored, and are sometimes resolved and sometimes not. These include Jewish and Catholic identity, adolescent rebellion and its extensions into adulthood, mother-daughter conflict, single motherhood, Jewish-black interaction, New Orleans decadence, escape and return, loss, and regeneration in a time of shifting values, recklessness and exploitable relationships. Selfishness and greed splatter rich and poor alike, compounding everybody's misery.

The central conflict is the prolonged identity crisis of the protagonist, Darby Cooper. She is the daughter of a union of two German Jews. Her father escapes from Germany and the Holocaust just in time. He is lucky enough to leave on one of the last boats from Le Havre before World War II erupts. Nameless, he is little more than a useless abstraction. Letty, Darby's mother, is a fourth generation American, rich and spoiled, an uptown Jewish bluestocking phony aristocrat, who when we first see her is traveling in France with Darby's grandmother (a genuine aristocrat, Chicago born and reared, disenchanted with the artificiality of life in New Orleans), both of them so preoccupied with their shopping that they are totally oblivious to the monumental tragedies unfolding on the eve of the war. On their voyage home, they are also passengers on the ship from Le Havre. Darby's parents marry after a shipboard romance.

The marriage is foredoomed because the couple has little in common: Letty is dominant and insensitive, Darby's father is ineffectual and oversensitive. Letty plays the wealthy uptown bitchy matron; nameless daddy is merely the manager of the fancy grocery patronized by her well-to-do neighbors. In time, he commits suicide, victimized by his in-laws' arrogance, his own powerlessness, and the guilt it generates over their complicity in leaving his mother in Germany to be exterminated by the Nazis in Theresienstadt. Talk about a skeleton in a closet; this is one that keeps on growing.

As Darby enters adolescence, she rejects both parents. Her rebelliousness never ebbs; it moves straightforward into adulthood. She purposely takes and tenuously holds onto a low-paying job as a librarian at a poor black Catholic university. Earmarked for a comfortable upper-middle class life, she works hard at being a failure. As a failure she's a great success.

Fully aware her life is going nowhere, unmarried and pushing thirty-five she is desperate for a center of gravity and an anchoring identity. She discovers what many young black women in New Orleans know by the time they are thirteen, that only a baby in or out of wedlock will get them an anchor, an identity and status. Out of wedlock single motherhood is what Darby opts for. Though it will make her an outcast in her mother's community, it will humiliate mama in a unique way. The irony in all this is that by the time the baby is four years old she is as spoiled as Letty; i.e., she is the exact image of mother, and we have to wonder (as indeed the author does): if the ties that bind are severed, are not severed ties equally binding?

This novel is good because it combines style and substance, it confronts its characters' human shortcomings squarely and honestly, its humor is abundant, and its depiction of life in uptown New Orleans is right on target. More specifically, its portrayal of the lifestyles of the well-to-do assimilated Jews who inhabit uptown New Orleans is as authentic as a camera's eye. Exact images abound. Reading *The Exact Image of Mother* I was reminded of Anita Brookner's enormously successful novels (particularly *The Latecomers*) which frequently deal with the lives of well-to-do assimilated London Jews. The portraits here are every bit as impressive as Brookner's.

Really good novels about Jewish life in the American South are as rare as *kashered* rabbits. Jewish tales just haven't come out of the land of cotton. This one is now out of its warren, and it's a honey of a Kosher bunny, a real cotton tale.

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Jewish Symbolic Art

by Abram Kanof
Gefen Publishing House, Jerusalem, (available c/o P.O. Box 101, Woodmere, N.Y. 11598) 112 pp. plus 115 illustated pages
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In his recommendation of *Jewish Symbolic Art,* Dr. Kalman P. Bland, who is associate professor of Judaic Studies at Duke University, states, "Dr. Kanof demonstrates both that the world 'influenced' Judaism as evinced by the common stock of symbols inherited or borrowed from its neighbors and that Judaism reinvigorated these symbols with its own spirited force and historical hopes."

In his learned treatment of his subject, Dr. Kanof has indeed done that in detail, telling of symbols which predated their use by the Jewish people and the changes in meaning

of those symbols. He does not limit his explanations to Jewish interpretations, but gives the history of the symbols in various cultures, ancient and modern.

Reflected in the symbols is the imagination of the people who invented or adopted them, thus revealing a glimpse of the mentality of the nations and religions.

Archaeology in the 20th century reveals the extent of art among early Hebrews, the influence of Hellenism and older cultures. Mosaic floors of 4th and 5th century synagogues show that symbolic art was not unusual. The period from the 7th to the 10th century was a time when art was not used, but during the Middle Ages, it flourished again.

Of particular interest is the narrative art, such as the story of the Exodus portrayed in buildings and on ceremonial objects. A study of symbols reveals that we are all children of a single heritage. In addition to describing the origin and development of Jewish symbolic art, Dr. Abram Kanof teaches, "Man is a symbolizing being whose life has been enriched by his symbols."

Dr. Abram Kanof is author of *Jewish Ceremonial Art and Religious Observance* and is author of many Jewish museum catalogues and articles. He is a noted lecturer on Jewish art, and he was founding chairman of the Jewish Museum in New York and founder of the Tobe Pascher Workshop for the design, execution and teaching of Jewish ceremonial objects in the modern style. He is curator of Judaica at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. Dr. Kanof is the recipient of several honors recognizing his contributions to the Jewish art field. He is also a doctor of medicine.

The Rothschilds: A Family Portrait

by Frederic Morton
Collier Books 311 pp.
$12.95 paperback

This is a paperback edition with a new introduction and epilogue, originally published in 1962.

The Rothschild family holds continuous interest in the western world, especially for Jews. The family tree at the book's end dates from about 1550 to 1973.

The Epilogue contains information on the current Rothschild establishments worldwide, including recent enterprises.

The history of the Rothschild family reads as romatically as an historical novel. In fact, the *New York Times Book Review* praised the author, Frederic Morton, for having combined the insights of a novelist with the skills of a magazine writer in producing a vivid, witty and perceptive result. This book was nominated for a National Book Award.

The writer, born in Vienna, lives in New York.

Theresienstadt: Hitler's Gift

by Norbert Troller
Translated by Susan E. Cernyak-Spatz
Edited by Joel Shatzky
University of North Carolina Press
182 pp. $19.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

When Susan Cernyak-Spatz told me she had translated *Theresienstadt: Hitler's Gift,* I knew it would be a special experience to read it. Having been a resident of the show-place of concentration camps, she was able to use language sensitive enough to reveal the reality to those of us who attempt to imagine the scene.

Written by Norbert Troller, a Czech architect, in *Prager-Deutsch,* the manuscript was hidden by the author and discovered years later. Troller became aware of its discovery by accidentally meeting the finder. In the book he tells the story of the intentional deceit perpetrated by the Nazis by presenting a facade of normal living, including concerts and trees, to hide the horror of *Theresienstadt.* Drawings and paintings help depict this situation on the way to Auschwitz, to which residents were transported on their last journey.

The author explains the operations of this "Ghetto," including the dreadful burden placed upon the "Council of Elders" who were compelled to select those to compose the transports destined for extermination, making room for new arrivals. Such groups totaled 1,000 human beings or more, according to the number requested by headquarters.

Due to constant hunger, food was always in mind, but the diet furnished was hardly edible. Weight loss was drastic, leaving the inmates vulnerable to deadly diseases. Troller's description of the intrigue to gain a morsel of bread or a cigarette is pitiful. Yet, pretense persisted until the end to convey the impression that this was a normal town, with fake banks and currency, bakers, carpenters and artists, in spite of the fact that everything of value was confiscated from everyone on arrival, separation of mates and families was systematic, and the near certainty of the fatal transport loomed ahead.

Because Norbert Troller was an architect of some repute, he was given immunity from selection for transport for a time, until he became a victim of the "Painters' Affair." After a miraculous survival of his Holocaust experience, he came to America where he designed synagogues and community centers and added to his papers until his death in 1981.

Theresienstadt is a translation of the segment of his writings which describes his difficult life during the terrible Nazi years.

The many Carolinians acquainted with Susan Cernyak-Spatz through her teaching and speaking in Holocaust studies, her appearances on stage in excellent dramatic performances and her participation in community affairs will be eager to read this book.

We recommend it as required reading as well, for insight into the cruel hoax that was Theresienstadt, which fooled even the Swiss Red Cross when they visited to investigate. Small wonder the rest of the world was unsuspecting. Norbert Troller's record tells the whole truth.

Dr. Susan E. Cernyak-Spatz, author of *German Holocaust Literature,* is associate professor of foreign lan-

guages at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. *Theresienstadt* was edited by Joel Shatzky, professor of English at the State University of New York, College at Cortland. Translation, editing and printing are outstanding amongst publications of today.

Letters from Prague 1939-1941

Compiled by Raya Schapiro and Helga Weinberg
Academy Chicago Publishers
218 pp. $20

Their discovery of a box of letters to America sent from relatives in Prague has led two sisters to compile a book entitled *Letters From Prague: 1939-1941*. They found the letters among their mother's effects after her death last year. The letters were written by their grandmother and their uncle, over two years during which the Nazis drew an ever-tightening noose of cruel laws around the Jewish inhabitants of Prague.

Historical notes explain hints in the letters at conditions muffled by the writers, not wishing to attract attention from censors.

In May 1939, at the ages of five and seven, the authors, who are sisters, were left with their grandmother and uncle in Nazi-occupied Prague while their parents and baby brother, having been promised that the two little girls would be issued exit visas within a few days, fled to the United States. As it turned out, the girls escaped only after months of bureaucratic wrangling, while the grandmother and uncle never obtained permission to leave and were deported to the gas chambers at Treblinka and Auschwitz two years later. Collected here is the moving correspondence between the adults in Prague and the girls' parents in the U.S.—77 letters that tell of their efforts to maintain a semblance of normal life while the Nazis enacted ever more restrictive anti-Jewish laws.

Raya Schapiro is a physician in Chicago, and Helga Weinberg is a teacher of literature.

Letters from Prague gives us a view of the suffering of an innocent family, another which has come to light amongst the millions of victims of Nazi Germany.

Living a Jewish Life

by Anita Diamant and Howard Cooper
Harper Collins 352 pp.
$9.95 paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Jewish traditions, customs and values for today's families are the substance of *Living a Jewish Life*.

What does it mean to live a Jewish life? What are the different religious practices characterized by non-Orthodox Judaism? Authors Anita Diamant and Howard Cooper undertake what could have been perceived as impossible: a complete guide for starting, learning and celebrating a full Jewish existence.

In a descriptive approach to Judaism, *Living a Jewish Life* offers anyone, Jewish or not, a comprehensive walk through contemporary American practices. The book is divided into four separate parts: Making Jewish Choices, which explains the basic concepts behind the traditions; Home, a section that explores the physical, intellectual and ritual elements that define the Jewish house; Community, which introduces information



TEREZIN—During his first state visit to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, President Chaim Herzog of Israel (left) participated in the opening of the Terezin Ghetto Museum during a week-long commemoration marking 50 years since the Ghetto and concentration camp were established by the Nazis. Seen with him at an exhibition in the Ghetto Museum is Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and senior rabbi of Park East Synagogue in New York, who led the congregation of Prague's historic Alt-Neu Synagogue in welcoming President Herzog at Shabbat services.

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about how to become involved with neighborhood synagogues, educational institutions and other local organizations; and Observance, providing an overview of the Jewish calendar and ideas that adults and children can use to make holy days and celebrations meaningful.

Living a Jewish Life embraces Liberal Judaism, investigating the alternatives involved in this up-to-date way of practicing the Jewish faith. The authors acknowledge the complexity of the Jewish religion and answer many questions both Jews and non-Jews have.

The book is more an invaluable, enjoyable guide than a manual. The contents serve to enhance one's Jewish knowledge by confirming old thoughts and weaving them in with new ones.

Anita Diamant is a prize-winning journalist based in Boston whose previous books include *The New Jewish Wedding* and *The Jewish Baby Book*. Her parents are Maurice and Helene Diamant of Taylors, S.C.

Howard Cooper is an educator with degrees in Jewish studies and education.

Understanding Judaism

by Benjamin Blech
Jason Aronson Inc. 350 pp. $30.00

"For more than a generation, Yeshiva University's James Striar School has been an acknowledged pioneer in *Ba'al Teshuvah* (return to Judaism) education. Rabbi Benjamin Blech has been a mainstay of that program and has done yeoman work in illuminating the basic principles and creed of Judaism. This volume, a compilation of his thoughts and teachings, brings his erudition, sensitivity, and insights to those seeking to grow in their appreciation of the truths of the Torah."

The above quotation of Dr. Norman Lamm's recommendation is enough to convince one who seeks understanding to profit by reading *Understanding Judaism*. It is composed of two books: *The Way of Deed* and *The Way of Creed*, as its subtitle, *The Basics of Deed and Creed*, indicates.

As we know, Judaism is a way of life which emphasizes deeds, and the first Book deals with the ideas of halakhah (the way), all the laws which include the Ten Commandments and the 613 *mitzvot*.

The second Book (both are contained in this volume) goes beyond laws into faith and belief, and it includes sections on why bad things happen to good people, proving God's existence, free will, etc. Rabbi Blech offers as good answers as can be found, from the minds and pens of the Sages of Jewish history.

Benjamin Blech has served as rabbi of Young Israel of Oceanside, N.Y. for more than thirty years. He teaches Talmud at Yeshiva University and has been a scholar-in-residence in cities throughout the world. He has written articles in leading periodicals and is author of *The Secrets of Hebrew Words*, as well as *Understanding Judaism*.

Gates of Shabbat

Central Conference of American Rabbis (192 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016) 148 pp.
$9.95 paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Gates of Shabbat (Shaarei Shabbat) is a guide for observance of Shabbat, complete with music and words for songs used in the ceremony.

Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro of Sinai Temple in Springfield, Mass. gathered a group of dedicated and qualified rabbis who developed this publication. It includes a discussion of the meaning and possibilities of Shabbat, suggestions for preparation for Shabbat at home with consideration of young and old generations. Hebrew words for prayer and song are given in both Hebrew and English transliteration.

The reader is then encouraged to attend Shabbat services in the synagogue. There are readings and prayers old and new, all in the modern language typical of the other "Gates" books published by CCAR.

These are readings and meditations and thoughtful passages on meanings in the practice of Judaism. Although the book contains a glossary with definitions of Hebrew words used in *Gates of Shabbat*, and gives detailed explanations of all steps in the observance of Shabbat, it is neither juvenile nor simple.

Everyone will appreciate the insight and interpretation evident in *Gates of Shabbat*.

So That Your Values Live On: Ethical Wills and How to Prepare Them

by Rabbi Jack Riemer and Professor Nathaniel Stampfer
Jewish Lights 256 pp. $19.95

In this combination of "What is" and "How to," the authors provide examples of ethical wills written by famous and ordinary people in the modern period.

A spiritual and ethical legacy may be the most valuable "inheritance" we can pass on. This book provides instructions for people of all faiths and backgrounds on how to preserve and transmit values to new generations.

Elie Wiesel said, "This remarkable volume will enrich all those who read it and meditate upon its infinite wisdom." The editors write: "It is the claim of the Jewish tradition that you are not completely dead when you die if you leave behind people who understand what you stood for and who will continue your character."

As Rabbi Riemer writes in his introduction: "And so I suggest that you read these wills, and then that you try your hand at writing one of your own. If you do, you will leave a gift to the future, and the not-yet-born children of your children's children will thank you and bless you for it."

So That Your Values Live On may be obtained from Jewish Lights Publishing, P.O. Box 237, Woodstock, Vt. 05091 or from better bookstores. Add $2.95 for shipping and handling. Credit card orders: 800-962-4544.

Twelve Jewish Steps to Recovery: A Personal Guide to Turning from Alcoholism and Other Addictions

by Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky and Stuart A. Copans, M.D.
Illustrated by Maty Grünberg
Jewish Lights Publishing 136 pp.
$19.95 (cloth), $12.95 (paperback)

There is growing awareness of the extent of addictions in the Jewish Community—and growing determination to do something about them. In fact, it is now estimated that 10% of American Jews have problems with alcohol and/or drugs—the same percentage as in the general population. Now, an inspiring new book is available to help all people who would gain strength to heal and insight from Jewish tradition.

"Twelve Steps" programs, originally part of Alcoholics Anonymous, have helped millions of people recover from dependence on alcohol, drugs, food, gambling, sex and other addictions. But many Jewish people hear them as "Christian" and, as a result, have difficulty relating to them. It's another excuse for not getting desperately needed help.

Finally, a new book is opening the doors of Twelve Steps programs to Jewish people. *Twelve Jewish Steps to Recovery: A Personal Guide to Turning from Alcoholism and Other Addictions* explains how the Twelve Steps are relevant for Jews and presents a Jewish perspective that offers consolation, inspiration and motivation for recovery. It draws on traditional Jewish sources, and quotes from what recovering Jewish people say about their experiences with addictions of all kinds.

Written by Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, Director, School of Education at Hebrew Union College in New York, and Stuart Copans, M.D., Medical Director, Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Program at the Brattleboro (Vt.) Retreat, the book is beautifully illustrated by celebrated Israeli artist Maty Grünberg's specially commissioned drawings of the twelve gates of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The book's contributors provide an inspiring demonstration of Jewish commitment to help addicted people without concern for denominational differences. Dr. Abraham J. Twerski, an Orthodox, Hasidic rabbi, and Medical Director of Gateway Treatment Center, has written the Preface. Sheldon Zimmerman, a Reform Rabbi, is Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Dallas and Vice President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, wrote the Introduction.

Dr. Twerski calls this spiritually powerful new book "recommended reading for people of all denominations." "If there is any lingering doubt as to the universal application of the Twelve Steps, let me point out a simple fact," Dr. Twerski writes. "Under what circumstances would you ever find an *Orthodox, Hasidic* rabbi recommending without reservation a treatise on spirituality written by a *Reform* rabbi and another psychiatrist? It should be clear that if rabbis representing denominations that have major differences in their respective positions are unanimous in the espousal of the Twelve Steps, there is no conceivable reason to object to them on religious grounds.

"Each of the twelve chapters of *Twelve Steps to Recovery* is dedicated to a "step" that corresponds to the Twelve Steps of recovery programs. These chapters are entitled: Honesty, Hope, Faith, Courage, Integrity, Willingness, Humility, Love, Discipline, Perseverance, Illumination and Service. As in the chapter on Faith, which presents Step Three (Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God), the proven concepts of recovery are interpreted in the light of Jewish wisdom drawn from such sources as the Torah, Talmud, Psalms and Hasidic tradition. Chapters incorporate the stories of recovering people and end with specific prayers and meditations.

Dr. Gary Ahlskog, Director of a major Pastoral Training Program said: "They make the best of religious and psychological resources of the Twelve Steps concept understandable and usable in congregational ministry."

JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others) Foundation has provided an important section on "Moving From Here to Recovery." A detailed listing gives information on where to go for further help.

Twelve Jewish Steps is available in quality paperback ($12.95) and in hardcover ($19.95) directly from Jewish Lights Publishing, P.O. Box 237, Woodstock, Vt. 05091, or from better bookstores, including Waldenbooks, B. Dalton, Brentanos and many others. Add $2.75 for shipping and handling to all orders. Credit card orders: call 1-800-962-4544.

Politics, Religion and Love

by Naomi Levine
New York University Press
843 pp. $35.00

Edwin Montagu, the Henry Kissinger of early twentieth-century England, is the central figure in "Politics, Religion and Love," a new book by Naomi Levine.

The author, former national executive director of the American Jewish Congress, tells the story of Montagu's spectacular career—he was a member of the Cabinets of Herbert Asquith and Lloyd George and Secretary of State of India—and his love affair with Asquith's mistress, the aristocrat Venetia Stanley.

Venetia married Montagu after converting to Judaism, but their marriage was not a happy one. A complex, brooding man and member of one of Britain's most affluent and distinguished Jewish families, Montagu championed the people of India and Turkey, but was fiercely opposed to the Balfour Declaration and its pledge of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. "A mischievous political creed, untenable by any patriotic citizen of the United Kingdom" was his view of Zionism.

Looking at the intertwined lives of Prime Minister Asquith, Edwin Montagu and Venetia Stanley, the author finds an odd mix of rigid social conventions and personal hedonism, racial and religious bigotry and a high sense of moral rectitude, enlightened

statesmanship and wanton self-indulgence.

The strong current of anti-Semitism that ran deep in upper-class English society is another *leitmotif* in Naomi Levine's book, published by the New York University Press. She believes it contributed to Montagu's bouts of melancholy and lack of self-esteem. His pursuit of and eventual marriage to Venetia Stanley may have been another expression of his desire to belong to a world that would never fully accept him.

Naomi Levine spent five years researching and writing "Politics, Religion and Love." An attorney, she is a senior vice president of New York University. She served with the American Jewish Congress for 30 years before joining NYU.

The Kirkpatrick Mission

by Allan Gerson
The Free Press (Macmillan, Inc.)
317 pp. $22.95

In *The Kirkpatrick Mission; Diplomacy Without Apology, America at the United Nations, 1981-1985,* Allan Gerson illustrates how Jeane Kirkpatrick championed U.S. interests during her tenure and helped the United States recover this position of influence in the United Nations.

During a particularly tense and discouraging time in American-Soviet relations Kirkpatrick's practice was to speak out dramatically—to be the clearest and most unmistakable voice of the Reagan Administration's resistance to Soviet expansionism. Gerson contends that her unrelenting assertiveness helped break the back of the aggressive Soviet policy, thereby significantly contributing to the momentous changes in Eastern Europe.

Gerson, who served as legal counsel to Kirkpatrick, traces her meteoric rise from an unknown professor of political science at Georgetown, whose article on dictatorships caught the eye of Presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan, to one of our country's foremost and outspoken statesmen. Armed with Reagan's confidence and shared vision of the direction of U.S. foreign policy, Kirkpatrick enjoyed access to the White House uncommon for a U.N. Ambassador, and ultimately came to exercise greater influence over the formulation and articulation of U.S. foreign policy than any other U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Allan Gerson, counsel to Jeane Kirkpatrick during the years she headed the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, is professor of international law at George Mason University, adjunct scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and is of counsel to the Washington office of the law firm of Hughes Hubbard & Reed. He was previously Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legal Counsel and Counselor to the Attorney General for International and National Security Affairs. A graduate of the New York University School of Law, he received a master's degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Law Faculty and holds a doctorate in international law from Yale University.

The Happiness Box

by Bracha Goetz
C.I.S. Communications, Inc. 25 pp. $8.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This attractive book is written in verse and illustrated in full color. It will please children from the ages of four to eight, in my judgment.

The Happiness Box is recited in the first person by a little boy who was habitually disgruntled, until his father gave him a place in which only happy thoughts might be entertained.

All of the joys of a Jewish child are recounted, including holidays and foods, besides ordinary comforts. It is a "count your blessings" book, and includes a happy mood.

Bracha Druss Goetz is a graduate of Harvard University. She attended medical school and lived in Israel for eleven years, spending eight years founding a settlement on the West Bank. Her writing has been published in both American and Jewish periodicals. She is the "mother" of six children's books, as well as mother of six children.

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The Video Synagogue service follows the format of the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv service. The responsive readings are taken from Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Prayerbooks, so that every worshipper will recognize familiar parts of the service. However, it is not necessary to use a Prayerbook when viewing *The Video Synagogue,* because the words for the worshipper to recite appear right on the screen. Traditional prayer-melodies are combined with modern tunes and "sing-a-longs" in the chanted portions of the service, and beautiful background visuals add to the aesthetic quality of *The Video Synagogue.* The at-home worshipper seems to be right

in the middle and feels a part of the large, participatory congregation.

The Video Synagogue meets an important need within the Jewish community with dignity and with joy. For those to whom the use of a television set and VCR on Shabbat pose a problem, *The Video Synagogue* can be played on Friday afternoon, or on any day or time of the week.

The Video Synagogue is a late fall selection of The Jewish Book Club and is available at Jewish book and gift stores throughout the country. To order by mail, send $41.95 ppd to Rabbi Wayne D. Dosick, *The Video Synagogue*, 1425A San Elijo, Cardiff, CA 92007.

Faye Levy's International Jewish Cookbook

by Faye Levy
Warner Books 384 pages $29.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Faye Levy's International Jewish Cookbook was called "A Celebration of the Jewish Kitchen around the World," in *Food and Wine*. The recipes are collected from Russian, Polish, Israeli, Yemenite, Indian, Romanian, Tunisian and French communities, among others. Therefore, the book is a departure from collections with which American Jews have been acquainted.

Twenty years ago, Faye Levy first visited Israel and then began her introduction to that other heritage which is outside the Ashkenazic tradition of cuisine. She has lived in Israel, France and the United States, and she has written cookbooks in the three languages of those countries. She has been a columnist for the Jerusalem Post and an Israeli women's magazine, writing culinary articles, and has four kosher cookbooks written in Hebrew to her credit.

In the United States, her recipes have appeared in articles for *Gourmet, Bon Apetit* and *Western Chef*, and her column, "The Basics," appeared for six years in *Bon Apetit*. She is a nationally syndicated cooking columnist for the *Los Angeles Times Syndicate*. The biweekly column is called "Quick and Classy." She has won various awards for her books. She now lives with her Israeli born husband-associate, Yakir Levy, in Santa Monica, California.

The *International Jewish Cookbook* contains over 250 new and traditional recipes and two four-page color inserts. It contains suggested holiday menus, and each recipe is preceded by an introduction which tells its origin and interesting facts related to it. Faye Levy is meticulous in her directions for preparation, taking nothing for granted about the user's experience.

This is the perfect cookbook for those who are eager to introduce a new taste into their meals and for the cook willing to venture into a new and foreign realm.

Sephardic Beet Salad with Coriander

2 bunches or 10 small beets (about 1½ inches in diameter)
2 tablespoons lemon juice or vinegar
Salt and freshly ground pepper
5 to 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander (cilantro)
Lettuce leaves (optional)

Rinse beets, taking care not to pierce skin. Put 1 inch of water in a steamer and bring to a boil. Place beets on steamer rack or on another rack or in a colander above boiling water. Cover tightly and steam 50 to 60 minutes or until tender, adding boiling water occasionally if water evaporates. Let cool. Rinse beets with cold water and slip off skins.

In a small bowl whisk lemon juice with salt and pepper. Whisk in 5 tablespoons oil. Taste and adjust seasoning. Stir in 1 tablespoon coriander.

Dice the beets. Put in a bowl and add enough dressing to moisten. Toss gently. Taste and adjust seasoning; add remaining tablespoon oil if needed. Serve salad on a bed of lettuce. Sprinkle with remaining coriander just before serving.

Makes 6 servings.

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Robert E. Spivak, chairman of the U.S. Maccabiah Team.

South Africa is expecting to send a 400-member delegation, making the team the third largest behind only Israel and the U.S. The expanded 700-member U.S. delegation, up from 500 in 1989, will include juniors, masters and disabled athletes to compete in over 30 sports. According to Spivak, the South African delegation is expected to be one of the best teams at the Games, finishing as one of the top three medal earners.

In addition to South Africa's participation, the end of the Cold War has opened the door for the participation of the East European Jewish communities. In 1989, representing the Soviet Union, for the first time ever, was a 57-member Lithuanian team. For the 1993 Games, teams from the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria hope to participate.

The World Maccabiah Games are Olympic-style competition held in Israel every four years, in the year following the Olympics. In 1989, more than 4,500 athletes from 43 countries participated in the two-week competition. Athletes such as swimmer Mark Spitz, gymnast Mitch Gaylord, Milwaukee Bucks basketball player Dan Schayes and tennis star Brad Gilbert have competed in previous Games. The 14th Maccabiah in 1993 is expected to bring in over 5,000 athletes.

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The Elephantine Cyclops, The Jews and The David Duke Question

by Joseph Cohen

Literature is my beat, and I usually stick to some well-traveled and familiar literary haunts. That is to say, among other things, that I'm no political pundit. So, as they say here in south Louisiana, I "don't do" politics. But David Duke lives less than twenty minutes away from my home, and in these days, with the nation's leading bigot practically in my backyard, I can hardly remain silent.

During his ten year voyage to get back to his home, Homer's Ulysses at one point encounters the Cyclops, a menacing giant with only one eye in the middle of his forehead. He and his sailors are taken prisoner by the Cyclops in his mountain cave, but they save their lives when Ulysses hurls a sharpened red-hot club into the (by then drunken) giant's eye, blinding him. As Ulysses and his men scramble down the mountainside from his cave, the blinded and enraged Cyclops showers them with boulders heavy enough to shake the earth.

In *Ulysses,* James Joyce's famous modernized version of Homer's epic, Joyce retells the episode in terms of an anti-Semitic attack upon his famous protagonist Leopold Bloom by an elephantine bigot, referred to simply as the Citizen. Bloom, the Citizen and others are drinking at a pub. Out of an unmitigated racial hatred for Jews, the Citizen seizes an empty biscuitbox and flings it with all his might at the fleeing Bloom. The biscuitbox is hurled with such force that it causes an earthquake. While the earth is heaving, Joyce closes the episode by having Bloom ascend, like Elijah, in a chariot to heaven.

Pretty much the same thing has just happened in Louisiana. While Louisiana won't enter into a heavenly state under the newly elected governor Edwin Edwards, the symbolic earthquake caused by David Duke, a blinded enraged Cyclopic bigot if ever there was one, was sufficient to shake the ground underneath all of us. In Joyce's *Ulysses,* the Citizen's biscuitbox is empty indicating that there is no merit in the Citizen's hateful invective and that he is all bombast. David Duke's biscuitbox is also empty, but he is too clever for bombast, and given his charismatic appeal and his capacity for exploiting the economic and political frustrations of thousands of white middle- and lower middle-class Protestants in Louisiana, the threat he poses to the democratic principle of plurality is now, despite his having lost the gubernatorial election, greater than ever. In our November 16 election he captured 55 percent of the entire white vote and 56 percent of the Republican vote. If he can do it in Louisiana, he can do it elsewhere too. For a long time, he's been "our" problem. Now, he's everybody's problem.

I have no doubt that Duke will run next year for president of the United States on the same platform, however veiled, of anti-Semitism and racial divisiveness. If the economic recession in this country continues, many people across the nation will send him their last dollars to fuel their desperate hope that he can change things for the better. He can only change them for the worse. His message is a hypocritical lure and a cruel hoax, but in terms of funding it will work. It's worked twice in Louisiana already, in Duke's bid for Bennett Johnston's Senate seat and in the governor's race.

The people of Louisiana right now seem to be doubly damned. For a few bucks Jimmy Swaggart promises them moral salvation. For a few bucks David Duke promises them economic salvation. We may wonder which one is the more corrupt, but we certainly know which one is the more dangerous.

In the past few weeks I have been reminded frequently of the first time I saw David Duke. It was in 1970. I was on the Tulane University campus headed toward the entrance of McAlister Auditorium to hear a talk by William Kunstler. Outside the building I saw a slim young man in a Nazi uniform. I could hardly believe my eyes. He was carrying a sign that said "Kunstler is a Communist Jew." Above the taunt there was a six-pointed star, an equal sign, and a hammer and sickle. Few scenes have ever upset me more. With thoughts of the Holocaust filling my head, I spat on David Duke's boots as I walked past him. Usually, I'm a reasonably mild-mannered person, but if I had a chance to do it all over again today, I'd spit in his face.

On the other hand, responding to a loathsome Nazi and klansman—I don't put an "ex" in front of those words, he is as much the miscreant now as he was in the past—by any form of negative action is as useless as it is unseemly. Duke and his followers want to provoke confrontation. Knowing this, the Jewish leadership in New Orleans was right to advise the Jews of Louisiana, who make up less than one percent of the state's total population, not to engage in confrontational acts. With feelings running as strong as they were during the gubernatorial campaign, things might have gotten nasty in a hurry, and it would only have strengthened the Cyclop's cause.

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But it was hard to limit one's action simply to putting a bumper sticker on the car. We had a choice of "No Dukes," or "Vote for the Crook, It's Important," or "David Dork, Fuhrer." Not really convinced that Edwin Edwards was worthy of our support, but, at the same time understanding how necessary it was to get him elected, we opted for the latter sticker, wondering whether we would find the car's surface defaced when we went shopping in Metairie, the site of Duke's home and his stronghold. We did participate in the one major anti-Duke rally and march, if indeed, one could call it "major." It wasn't much; only 400 people attended. They were mainly Afro-Americans, feminists and members of the Gay community. My wife and I saw no more than six of our co-religionists.

However, no one should take this absence of Jewish visibility at this rally as apathy. Many Jews attended the much more classy Edwards rallies. The Jewish leadership in New Orleans was very much in action behind the scenes, and it has been extremely active in the locally organized Coalition Against Racism and Nazism. Among its other activities, the leadership quietly undertook a Jewish community-wide effort to raise funds to underwrite a massive telephone campaign by non-Jews hoping to convince the supporters in North Louisiana of the defeated Buddy Roemer to go to the polls and vote for Edwards despite their justifiable opposition to him. It helped, but the real battle is only just beginning.

That's the point. *The real battle is only just beginning.* Every Jew in America must take this threat personally and seriously. Duke has succeeded in making divisiveness attractive and in reopening old racial wounds. The events of the recent past have made it crystal clear that the precious liberties upon which America was founded and has grown great are again and, indeed, always under attack. David Duke is the new Hun at the gate, an elephantine Cyclops, blind and raging, whose boulders could, if we do not vigorously oppose him, bury us all.

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Tu b'Shevat 5752

Tu b'Shevat, the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat [Jan. 20, 1992] has a long and varied background.

Jewish literature of the first several centuries of the Common Era tells us that Tu b'Shevat was the New Year of trees. It was the anniversary for deciding when the trees in Israel were mature enough so that their fruit could be harvested. This date was also the New Year for the annual tithe on fruit trees. Tu b'Shevat was the date designated because by then the early winter rains were mostly over and the period of budding was just beginning.

By the 16th century the custom of eating fruit and reciting Psalms on Tu b'Shevat was expanded so that it became a celebration of the Kabbalistic "Tree of Life." This tree is a visual representation of the flow of Divine energy into the world.

In modern times there has been a focus on the reforestation of the Land of Israel. Trees have also been a metaphor for Torah.

Tu b'Shevat fits into the cycle of holidays as a celebration of renewal. Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world. Shabbat is a remembrance of God's work of creation. In the prayerbook, we praise God as the one who renews the work of creation daily. Tu b'Shevat is the celebration of the renewal of trees and all of nature. The theme of renewal is also found in our celebration of the renewal of the Land of Israel, and in the Kabbalistic tradition which celebrates Tu b'Shevat as the renewal of the flow of Divine energy.

Tu b'Shevat is a festival full of wonder, joy, acknowledgement and thankfulness as we anticipate the renewal of the natural world.

Reprinted from Introduction to ***Seder Tu BiShevat: The Festival of Trees*** *by Adam Fisher (Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1989).*

Olive's Story

by Daniel Rogov

(WZPS) "It is easier," the Talmud says, "to raise a legion of olive trees in Galilee than to bring up one child in the land of Israel." Precisely what this says about the difficulties of raising children in ancient or modern Israel is hard to say, but it is clear that the olive has been an inescapable fact of life in the Mediterranean region for thousands of years.

While Americans and Englishmen tend to look upon the olive as a somewhat rare and often expensive treat, olives have been eaten as an Israeli staple and olive oil has been used for cooking, lighting and anointing the body during religious observance since King David's time. The wealth of many of the regional peoples since the Minoans, Phoenecians and ancient Greeks, was largely centered in cultivation of olives, for these hardy fruits succeeded in the area like no other crop.

Flourishing with a minimum of care in often harsh lands where less hardy fruit trees would wither and die, the olive tree has been constantly increasing for at least 30 centuries. Frequently mentioned in the Bible, the New Testament and the Koran, one of the most lasting emblems of peace has been that of the olive branch.

Olive trees in Israel fall into three categories: very young (those planted less than 50 years ago); moderately young (50-300 years old); and mature trees, some of which grow from root systems nearly 2,000 years old.

While Jewish farmers tend to prune their olive trees regularly for more uniform growth, Arab farmers allow their trees to grow to their maximum height, sometimes exceeding 8 meters (24 feet). Frequently the trees burst open, leaving what appear to be thin shells supporting huge living creatures; sometimes new, unpruned shoots from the root system grow up through the parent tree and a whole cluster of trees seems to be growing from one body. The result may be structural pandemonium, but the sight is glorious.

The following recipes, all popular within Israel, will serve from 4-6.

Olives with Anchovy Butter

2 cups green olives, pitted
6-8 anchovy fillets
6 Tbsp. butter, softened
Black pepper to taste

In a mortar pound the anchovy fillets and add the butter, blending together thoroughly. Season to taste with pepper, rub through a sieve and with this mixture stuff the olives. Serve cold as part of an hors d'oeuvre platter.

Herbed Olives

1 lb. (450 gr.) large black olives
1/4 lb. (115 gr.) spring onions, sliced
About 3 Tbsp. olive oil
1 Tbsp. wine vinegar
1 tsp. each oregano and rosemary, chopped
2-3 cloves garlic, chopped coarsely
Salt, pepper and paprika to taste

Wash the olives in cold water and dry well. Transfer the olives to a bowl, add the spring onions, sprinkle over the oil and vinegar and season with salt, pepper and paprika. Stir well. Add the oregano, rosemary and garlic, toss well and refrigerate. Serve cold as part of an hors d'oeuvre platter.

The following recipes are from *Faye Levy's International Jewish Cookbook:*

Veal with Olives, Tomatoes and Fresh Herbs

2 lbs. boneless veal shoulder
2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 medium onion, finely chopped
4 large garlic cloves, minced
Salt and freshly ground pepper
2 lbs. ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped; or 2 28-oz. cans plum tomatoes, drained and chopped
1 Tbsp. minced fresh marjoram or 1 tsp. dried, crumbled
2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves or 1/4 tsp. dried, crumbled
1 cup water
1 bay leaf
1 cup pitted brine-cured black olives, drained
2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley leaves

Cut veal into 1- to 1 1/4-inch pieces and pat dry. In a heavy casserole or Dutch oven heat oil over medium-high heat. Add veal in batches and brown lightly on all sides. Transfer veal pieces as they brown to a plate. Add onion to casserole and cook over low heat, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until softened.

Return veal to casserole, reserving any juices on plate. Add garlic and pinch of salt and pepper and cook over low heat, stirring, 1/2 minute. Stir in tomatoes, marjoram and thyme and bring to a boil. Add juices from plate, water and bay leaf and bring again to a boil, stirring. Cover and cook about 1 hour or until veal is just tender when pierced with a knife.

Remove veal from casserole with a slotted spoon. Boil cooking liquid, stirring, until it is

reduced to 2 cups. Drain liquid from meat a few times and add to casserole as liquid reduces. Discard bay leaf.

Return meat to sauce, add olives and heat over low heat 1 to 2 minutes. (Stew can be kept, covered, for 2 days in refrigerator. Reheat it over low heat, covered.) Remove casserole from heat and sprinkle with parsley. Taste and adjust seasoning. Serve stew from enameled casserole or from a heated deep serving dish. Makes 4 servings.

Nut and Chocolate-Studded Meringues

Matzo cake meal, for flouring pan
4 large egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar (optional)
1 cup plus 2 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans (or walnuts, hazelnuts or a mixture of nuts)
4 oz. bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, cut into tiny cubes
1/3 cup pecan halves

Preheat oven to 275°. Lightly grease corners of 2 baking sheets with margarine and line them with foil. Grease and lightly flour foil with Matzo cake meal, tapping baking sheet to remove excess.

Whip egg whites with cream of tartar in a large bowl until stiff. Gradually beat in 1/2 cup sugar at high speed and whip until whites are very shiny.

Gently fold in remaining 1/2 cup plus 2 Tbsp. sugar in 2 batches, as quickly as possible. Quickly fold in chopped pecans and chocolate pieces. Spoon mixture in irregular mounds onto prepared baking sheets, using 1 mounded Tbsp. for each and spacing them about 1-1/2 inches apart. Set a pecan half on each meringue.

Bake 30 minutes, then reduce oven temperature to 250°. Bake 30 minutes more or until meringues are firm to touch, dry at bases and can be easily removed from foil. They will be light beige.

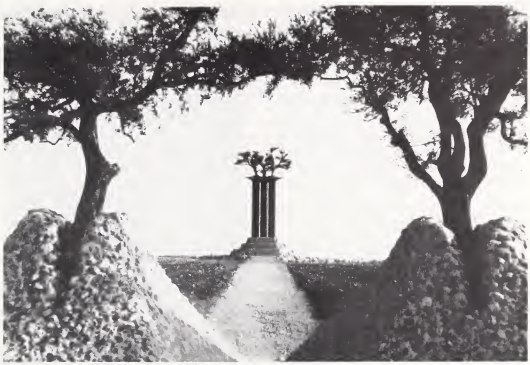
Transfer meringues to a rack and cool. Put them in airtight container as soon as they are cool. (Meringues can be kept in airtight containers at room temperature up to 1 week in dry weather. If they become sticky from humidity, they can be baked in a 200° oven for about 30 minutes to crisp.)

This recipe is from *Celebration,* The Epstein School, Atlanta, Ga.

Date Squares

1 cup flour
1-1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg white
3/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup oil
2 cups (8 oz.) chopped dates
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Stir the flour, baking powder and salt together. Beat the egg whites, sugar and oil together. Stir in the flour mixture and mix well. Stir in the dates and walnuts. Bake in greased 9 x 13" Pyrex dish for 30 minutes at 325°. When cool, cut in squares. Makes 24-28 squares.



The "Olive Columns Monument" is at the center of the JNF's new Park of Olives at Ramat Rachel. The three 70-year-old olive trees are firmly rooted into a 45-foot high structure, part of the environmental sculpture created by Jerusalem sculptor Ran Morin.

Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Honeydews, that is what I remember first when I think of Horowitz's Kosher Boarding Home. No, it was not the finest fruit grown in Hendersonville, N.C.; that would be apples. I don't know where the honeydews came from. My family and I as well as the other two Jewish families in Sylva and many other Jewish families from small communities in North Carolina would arrive at Horowitz's each September and October to celebrate the High Holy Days. As I look back now at 43, those days were a lot more special than I could have ever imagined. Just two or three days a year at Horowitz's may have taught me more of what it is to be part of the family of Jews than untold Sunday School classes.

But back to the honeydews. We, of course, ate all three meals at Horowitz's, family style. The food was great, quite a contrast from the usual fried chicken and biscuit specials that were the norm in Western North Carolina at that time. We now have at our fingertips the choices of Cuban food to Sushi available. But at the time, having Jewish food three meals a day at a table other than in my own home was a unique treat. The trouble was that on more than one of those great dinners before *shul* started, we were served honeydews. Ripe, tasty, sweet honeydews. Overripe, tasty honeydews. That would be great for the cleansing of the intestines and a good way to start the New Year, I guess, except for one thing. The Horowitz Home was not quite the Embassy Suites of its day. Bathrooms were shared, with a door on both sides of the small facility. When you entered you locked both sides of the room with a simple hook latch so that privacy could be maintained and embarrassment avoided. When you left you had to remember to unlock the door to your neighbors' room so their access would not be blocked when they needed to get in. This all worked rea-

sonably well, that is, until overripe honeydews showed up on the night's menu. All night it became a battle of who got in first and also how much time you might have to finish your functions because your neighbor was frantically needing in. Mr. and Mrs. Horowitz were very sweet about the whole thing but as far as I know never accepted the obvious facts that something they may have served may have been the culprit. In the scope of things it didn't really matter. The sense of Jewish community each year that those of us felt was worth just about anything an overripe fruit could do to our insides.

All of us are writers, whether we put a word to paper or not. We use selective memory to create page after page of scripts of past happenings, if only in our minds. This is how we not only remember what has happened, but it is even how we judge how pleasing or unpleasing a particular incident is and how it affects us. At the time, I imagine that I was not so pleased to have had to walk to the Hendersonville Synagogue. It was a meager five or six blocks. Today I walk a mile or two each day just to get those endorphins primed back up after a writing session, but glancing back at those scripts and memories now, there is little that feels so calming or secure as thinking of ten or twenty Jews walking together to *shul,* especially when it was dusk and the day was gracefully ending into darkness. You couldn't quite see whom you were talking to very well but you knew the voices. I miss those days. Jewish people from Sylva and Canton to Ninety Six, S.C., all sort of thrown together for one purpose, allowing us to sleep and eat as one big family at least for a couple of special days each year. I remember how sad I felt when the folks from Hickory told everyone that they were going to have their own *shul* the next year. They would not be back. Today we drive to *shul,* shake lots of hands, and give lots of *L'Shana Tovas,* and then leave alone in the solitary cars that brought us.

I went back to find Horowitz's the other week. It is gone. Looks like they literally made a parking lot out of it. The "Holy Roller" church is still across the street. If the High Holy Days happen to fall on Wednesdays and if we were given a room on the front of Horowitz's facing the Church, we were doubly treated not only to getting a large dose of Judaism at *shul,* but late into the night we could hear the shouting and rolling sounds of prayer going on across the street. It was a little scary and by many standards pretty strange, but it was still to me another odd happening that was directly linked to trying to communicate with God. Spiritualism was everywhere you looked, it seemed.

I can remember the jewels that the Horowitz's had hidden, too. No, I was not a devious kid, and I did not break into the Horowitz's private safe. The home was a large white structure with a big wide porch full of great rocking chairs that saw plenty of action after dinner with everyone eagerly telling the others about business, marriages and other *bubba misas* of the past year in their little towns. This was sort of boring to us kids at the time. As a writer now, I would donate my left ear to be able to hear those stories just one more time. Five or six of us kids were allowed to play in the yard as long as we didn't get into the streets. One time someone brought a new strange plastic toy, a big circular thing that they called a hula hoop. What I liked to do most was poke around the back of Horowitz's. It had a white stucco foundation that contained thousands of these little ruby red and emerald green pebbles as part of the mortar. If you let your mind be free, you could imagine that you had found precious gems that surely were worth a fortune. I loved to collect them each year until my innocence was overtaken by education, and I was made finally to realize that they were not jewels at all.

Before I was Bar Mitzvahed, I was allowed to eat on Yom Kippur. Another joy that the Horowitzes provided was a hidden turkey sandwich for me to take to *shul.* Neither the Stage Door Deli in New York nor Wolfie's in Miami Beach has yet topped the taste of Mrs. Horowitz's sandwich with real turkey on *challah* and heavy layers of Hellman's mayonnaise. It was real tough to have to give it up after I reached thirteen.

I even had my first marriage at Horowitz's. No, I didn't go back at 20 or 25. Being a bit precocious, I spotted a beautiful Jewish girl, Susan Lewin, who lived across the street when we were both seven. She dressed up in her Mom's finest and with another kid officiating and one bridesmaid we were married one Rosh Hashanah with all the guests at Horowitz's watching from their rocking chairs across the street. Unfortunately, we divorced in the third grade, but it was great while it lasted.

Maybe it was a strange virus that hit Hendersonville each fall, maybe those jewels weren't real, but one thing was real—Jews with Jews, the way it must have been meant to be. The Horowitz Home is gone, but through the fog of reality I can still be there, see it clearly for what it was. I think I was closer to God at Horowitz's. Maybe God likes honeydews.

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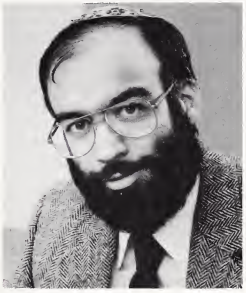
Noted Sephardic Jewish Scholar to Speak at Temple Israel, I.D. Blumenthal Memorial People Power Weekend Charlotte, N.C. January 31-February 2, 1992

One of the world's foremost authorities on the history of the Jewish experience in the Iberian Peninsula will be the Scholar-in-Residence at the I.D. Blumenthal Memorial People Power Weekend at Temple Israel from Friday, January 31, to Sunday, February 2, 1992. All events are located at the JCC, Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte.

The Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Benjamin Gampel, is Associate Professor of Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City. Professor Gampel's most recent book is *The Last Jews on Iberian Soil,* published by the University of California Press. Professor Gampel's theme for the People Power Weekend will be "From Golden Age to Expulsion: The Saga of Sephardic Jewry." His visit to the Charlotte Jewish community is timed to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from the Iberian Peninsula. The Weekend will be held in conjunction with Temple Sisterhood's Shabbat. Members of the Sisterhood will be leading prayer services.

The schedule of events for People Power Weekend is as follows:

On Friday, January 31, Shabbat worship services will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Gorelick Hall at the Jewish Community Center. Professor Gampel's subject will be "Sephardic Jewry Comes of Age: How Golden Was It?"



Benjamin Gampel

The service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Saturday morning worship services will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Gorelick Hall. Professor Gampel will talk on "Muslims Fall and Christians Are Triumphant, and What About the Jews?" Kiddush will follow services.

At 4:00 p.m. that Saturday afternoon, February 1, Mincha services will be followed by Seudah Shelisheet, at which Professor Gampel will address the gathering on "Pogroms, Inquisition and Expulsion: The Transformation of Sephardic Jewry." Questions and answers will follow Professor Gampel's presentation. Ma'ariv and Havdalah services will follow.

On the following Sunday morning, February 3, services will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the JCC and will be followed by breakfast. At 10:00 a.m. a panel discussion will be presented featuring individuals from various ethnic backgrounds among the Jewish people. Professor Gampel will be on hand to discuss the diversity of backgrounds within Judaism and how it developed over the course of Jewish history.

For further information, please call Temple office, (704) 845-2088.

"Christian and Jewish Theology in a Post-Holocaust World" Lecture Series Charlotte, N.C. Jan. 5-Feb. 23, 1992

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N.C. invites the community to participate in an exciting and provocative examination of Christian and Jewish Theology in a Post-Holocaust World.

Beginning on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and continuing for seven consecutive Sundays, Covenant will host three renowned area scholars as they examine the major tenets of Christian Faith with a Holocaust perspective.

The program leaders are: Dr. R. David Kaylor, professor of religion at Davidson College; Dr. Max E. Polley, Cannon Professor of Religion at Davidson College; Rabbi H. Scott White, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, Charlotte.

Course Outline

Jan. 5: Anti-Judaism in the New Testament; Max Polley
Jan. 12: Anti-Semitism in the Christian Fathers; Max Polley
Jan. 19: The Place of Land in Jewish and Christian Faith; Max Polley
Jan. 26: Jew and Gentile in Romans; David Kaylor
Feb. 2: Did the New Covenant Nullify the Old?; David Kaylor
Feb. 9: The Torah and Christ as the Wisdom of God; David Kaylor
Feb. 16: The Holocaust Challenge to the Jewish Faith; Scott White
Feb. 23: The Holocaust Challenge to Christology; Max Polley

Over the years, the Jewish people have suffered oppression, often at the hands of those who claimed to act on Christian principles. But the ultimate oppression arrived with the rise of Nazi Germany. Some church leaders recognized that the church's "teachings of contempt" against the Jews had created anti-Jewish feelings within its people.

Recently, many Christians have

tried to address this question even though serious review of this issue can challenge central doctrines of the church.

Neither have Jews escaped the impact of the Holocaust upon their faith. The belief in God's loving care of his chosen people is challenged by his silence during those terrible years of the death camps.

It is expected that this course will be provocative. Many long-cherished beliefs of both Jew and Christian will be challenged. The Holocaust was such a monumental event that neither the Jewish nor Christian faith can ever be the same.

If you plan to attend the lecture series, please call the Covenant church office, (704) 333-9071. If you need more information, please call Maurice or Bonnie Ewing, conveners, (704) 376-8448.

Beth David Synagogue Greensboro, N.C.

by Sharon Kaiser

More than 45 women took part in the Saturday morning service, Dec. 7. The women of Beth David Synagogue have in the past led Friday night services and parts of the Saturday morning services. However, on this occasion *all* aspects of the service were done by women.

Considering it was also Chanukah and Rosh Hodesh, and three Torahs were used instead of one, many more participants were needed making this an even greater challenge.

The emphasis was not only on having women lead the service but also teaching them parts of the service that they had not done before. In October, ten women began learning how to read Torah Trope and on Dec. 7 all ten actually read from the Torah. Others learned how to say the blessings for the Torah readings. Three women even learned how to lift the Torah.

The following women participated in the service: Judy Havivi, Muriel Hoff, Ronni Kutchei, Tamara Miller, Susan Cook, Sylvie Spielman, Ellen Levin, Wendy Levin, Beth Ann Kurtzman, Ellen Reich, Mila Kilimnik, Natalie Weil, Sara Malino, Andrea Kabat, Susan Bruner, Marie Gould, Marsha Cohen, Marilyn Chandler, Anita Hyman, Marian Weinstock, Sharon Kaiser, Jackie Davidowitz, Karen Schlosberg, Leslye Tuck, Tamara Ende, Ruth Jacobs, Linda Baggish, Joan Cohen, Roz Burns, Karen Sclar, Joyce Shuman, Esther Mordechai, Cookie Cohen, Lois Mezer, Barbara Teichman, Esther Leader, Joslin LeBauer, Dori Schefflin, Ellen Samet, Pnina Yardenay, Susan Robinson, Julianna Robinson, Sariel Ende, Ileane Bergman, Joanna Smith, Joan Gurvis, Jessica Gurvis, Sharman Michaelson, All girls, under 14; Jean Rosen-Grandon representing Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

Considering the fact that there are many synagogues where the women are not even allowed on the Bema, this was truly a momentous occasion.

Interview with Rabbi Leah Benamy Gastonia, N.C.

by Dorothy Lodge

Question: Rabbi, how long have you been with Temple Emanuel in Gastonia?

Answer: I was offered the position in June and began my position here on August 15, 1991.

Q. Well, how do you like it so far? The Temple and Gastonia in general, I mean.

A. In all honesty, I have been very happy with almost every aspect of the congregation and the community, with a few notable exceptions. I have to say that the situation in the public schools regarding the blurring of the boundary between religion and secular education is disturbing. I've had parents call me up to say that their children are assigned to write essays about their home Christmas observance and such, which I find very disturbing. I intend to address this issue once I'm more familiar with the community. And of course, I don't think most rabbis would have chosen to begin their tenure with a congregation only three weeks before *Rosh Hashanah* as I did!

Q. Why did you begin so close to the New Year?

A. There are two reasons actually. First, I got married on July 28, and immediately left for a two-week honeymoon in Holland and Israel, which I'm very glad I did, because we won't have any real time off together until next summer! Second, due to the extensive renovation work at the synagogue, my office wasn't ready until soon after I began working here.

Q. Do you like the "finished product"? What do you think of the Temple building itself?

A. I am very pleased with the way everything turned out. As a matter of fact, this is the first time I've had the luxury of two offices—one for working on the computer and such, and the other for meeting with congregants or making the many phone calls which being a rabbi requires. Also, the committee in charge of the refurbishment paid painstaking attention to detail, so that it was very definitely worth the wait. We have two nicely appointed meeting rooms and a very new look to the downstairs where our school meets. And of course, the Sanctuary is simply beautiful; it's really a pleasure to gather there on Shabbat.

Q. How have the congregants reacted to your arrival?

A. Everyone has been very positive and supportive! The attendance at Friday night services averages between 20 and 30 people; we have had several new families join the congregation and the response to Adult Education activities has been nothing short of remarkable! We began a program for teaching Adult Hebrew on Sunday mornings, at the same time that the children are in our School, and we got 12 people for the first six-week set of classes. I was very impressed by people's eagerness to take advantage of this opportunity. I'm also very lucky to be married to a man who lived in Israel for 17 years and who can teach three Hebrew classes back-to-back on Sunday morning! Actually, David is only

one of the truly talented teachers in our School—we have a regular staff of four for the children's classes, and then there are three part-time Hebrew teachers, including two teenagers who went through the Temple's school. Thanks to all of them we have almost thirty students K-7 who came in eager to learn and who have refused to leave at 12:00: "We just have to finish this page, Rabbi!" And then we have Adult Hebrew, which has three teachers: David, myself and Barry Good, who just moved to Gastonia with his wife and two daughters.

Q. So the congregation is keeping you busy with education. . . What else do you enjoy about being in Gastonia?

A. Honestly it's very refreshing to be so warmly welcomed by such a variety of people! There are always one or two in a congregation who go out of their way to make new people feel at home, but David and I get calls every week just to see how we are. I was sick with a cold for a few days, and several people called to ask if there was anything they could do for me—I mean, it's not like I was seriously ill, they are simply very kind-hearted. I also like the fact that people keep me up to date on what is happening with them and their families, and sometimes drop in during my office hours to chat or ask a few questions, and that of course is wonderful. I love the one-on-one interaction, and it makes them feel the Rabbi is more than a "religious leader"; she is also someone they can talk to.

Q. Let me ask you one last question, Rabbi. How is what you're doing now like what the Rabbi did at the synagogue you grew up in?

A. There is a great deal of difference. First of all, I grew up in a congregation of over 400 families; Gastonia has around 65. There was a Cantor and an Educator, so the Rabbi didn't have as much contact with the students as I do. I tutor B'nai Mitzvah, help design the curriculum; basically, I have my fingers in a lot of pies. Also, I don't preach for twenty minutes as Louis Sigel can and does consistently in Teaneck, N.J. But the rest of it, officiating at baby namings and funerals, visiting congregants in the hospital and at home, attending community events and meetings—all of that is the same. I certainly did not expect to get offered tickets to a Hornets game by our music teacher, or to get a call "would you like our four tickets to the Ballet that's coming to town?" Maybe I just never saw that side of Rabbi Sigel; maybe it's the nature of being in a smaller, less Jewishly populated city which causes people to come together more. I don't know all the reasons, but one thing I have no doubts about—the work I do as a Rabbi here is very fulfilling and meaningful to me and, I hope, to the congregation as well.



Rabbi Leah Benamy in Sanctuary of Temple Emanuel, Gastonia.
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Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Fran Hirschel

This fall has seen many exciting events in our Temple, with a large percentage of our membership participating. In addition, the construction of our new building has begun in earnest, and we are looking forward with anticipation to occupying it before next year's High Holy Days.

Our Thanksgiving service this year

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was especially memorable. It featured 16 members of the Oratorio Singers, accompanied by cello, harp, oboe and organ, singing the 23rd Psalm from John Rutter's "Requiem." The Oratorio Singers performed in this service to honor the Blumenthal family for its generosity. In addition to financial support, the Blumenthals have sponsored the Oratorio's summer retreat at Wildacres every summer for the past 35 years. Because the Blumenthals have contributed so much to Jewish education as well, it was especially fitting that the speaker at this service was Sara Lee, director of education of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Joel Goldman, our educational director, has put together a number of meaningful Shabbat services designed especially for families. The most recent one, on Chanukah, featured students from the Consolidated High School as characters visiting from the past to tell how their actions influenced the history of the Jewish people. In addition we sang Chanukah songs, both traditional and new, accompanied by Joel and his guitar. It was a lovely service.

Special People

No synagogue could survive without the numerous dedicated volunteers who provide their services; ordinarily these members are honored at the High Holy Day services or in some other way. But in some cases, that is just not enough. One couple who deserves special attention for their dedication, self-sacrifice, and willingness to do whatever is necessay to ensure that our Temple functions smoothly are Mitch and Bev Katowitz. Mitch is the computer whiz who has been responsible for designing and implementing our new financial recordkeeping system. He is never too busy to meet someone at the Temple, to go to someone's home, to do whatever it takes to get the job done, and to stay on task until it is completed. The Temple is indebted to him for all the work he has done and continues to do. His wife, Bev, has been just as incredible in her own way. She has given of herself above and beyond the call of duty, particularly to the Religious School. If she is aware of a job that needs to be done, she does it. She literally stayed up all night making potato *latkes* for the Religious School Chanukah party. She makes presentations on behalf of the Sisterhood at B'nai Mitzvah services, baby namings and conversion services, and her warmth and humor always come through. We are indeed fortunate to have Bev in our congregation. I should also mention that their eldest son, Scott, is already carrying the torch for the younger generation; he is tireless in his efforts to breathe new life into the Temple's youth programs.

In closing, we extend a warm welcome to our youngest members, the most recent B'nai Mitzvah. Congratulations to David Grossman and Richard Wolf and their families as well.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

The Family Shabbat Dinner, after a short service on Nov. 1, was a huge success, thanks to Barbara Miller, who orchestrated the affair. On Nov. 2, a special Shabbat service was held and our children participated in the Torah Service discussion and in a play, an original by Debi Miles, "Wheel of Holiday" game. All the children were blessed at the conclusion of the service, which was followed by a wonderful Kiddush.

On Nov. 22, New Member Shabbat service was held. It was a special evening for welcoming our many new members and for new and not-so-new members to meet together to share ideas and experiences. Speakers included: Helen Benninga, David Davis, David Gould and Barbara Lewin.

On Dec. 6, we had Hanukkah Story Telling, good for children and adults of all ages. We had an abbreviated service that evening. Also, we had a special post Hanukkah program on Dec. 12, called, "Holding on to the Light: Images of Light and Stress Reduction." We all felt a deep sense of peace as we gazed into the lights of our Hanukkiah (Menorah), but where did that deep calm go? Rabbi Birnham and Anne Kronen, licensed massage therapist, guided us in a discussion of the power and meanings of light. Following this was a meditation-experience aimed at stress reduction.

Announcing a new monthly Minhag (custom). Each third Friday night of the month, Rabbi Birnham speaks on an announced topic. The first one on Dec. 20 dealt with the topic, "Should Doctors Aid Patients in Committing Suicide?"

A Tu b'Shevat Seder will be held in January.

Youth Group

The Asheville Jewish Youth Group has been incredibly busy! The Youth Group organized the food and clothing collected at Beth Israel during the holidays and delivered all of it to the Hospitality House. They helped with the JCC food distribution at the Dreamland Drive-In and were recognized by the WNC Federation for their large contribution last year to Operation Exodus. The beautiful Ethiopian basket given to them is on display at Beth Israel.

To develop leadership and team work, the teenagers participated in a special day-long "Peak Experience/ Ropes Course" at the YMCA. Beth Israel President Bob Deutsch and Rabbi Birnham joined the teenagers and completed the course! There's even a video tape of the day to officially document the whole incredible experience.

In November, several of the members went to Savannah for a Regional USY Convention.

For Hanukkah, the youth assisted in the JCC Torah Run, designed a Hanukkah Table Display for the annual Hospice Festival of Trees, and delivered small Hanukkah gifts to shut-ins of the Jewish community.

Sisterhood News

In Sisterhood news, Barbara Miller reports that more than one hundred people enjoyed the meal and the music of Bob Deutsch, Marc Rudow and Michael Garner at the Sukkot dinner. Lillian Wellisch adds that the

following people are now serving in Sisterhood capacity: Barbara Laibson, treasurer; Ruth Baer Cooley, Torah Fund chairperson; Helen Benninga, Oneg Shabbat chairperson; Arlene Schandler, fundraising; Sara Birnham and Liz Nigrosh, Sisterhood Shabbat; Lillian Wellisch, community relations chairperson; Kitchen Committee: Roz Freedman and Muriel Gelbert, co-chairpersons, with Sherrill Knight, Julie Lee and Barbara Levy on the committee; Bereavement Committee: Sandy Cuba, Marilyn Friedman, Sandy Slosman and Charlotte Tell; Gift Shop co-chairs: Pauline Tenenbaum and Muriel Gelbert.

Adult Education

Adult Education is flourishing at Beth Israel. The Rabbi reports that forty-eight people are coming (and have been) to his Introduction to Judaism class: "The Rhythms of Jewish Living." In the class are six adults who will become "Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah," several people converting to Judaism, many members, and some who are not yet members.

Rabbi informs us that his Study Group will be forming in January. "We will study together every other week, in the evening. This year's topic will be "The Prophets." Our text will be Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's *The Prophets*. We'll be learning about some of the most disturbing people who ever existed: the people whose inspiration brought the Bible into being—the people whose image is our refuge in distress, and whose voice and vision sustain our faith."

Rabbi Birnham led a lively discussion after a challenging and engaging video (by Dennis Prager) on the topic, "How to Raise a Jewish Child in Secular America," on Nov. 17. Barbara Miller, a principal in the Sunday School, gave a big Todah Rabah to Kay Miller, our secretary, for putting together our school directory.

Hebrew literacy for beginners and refresher courses were held in November. The teachers were Rabbi Birnham and Morry Tenenbaum. In April 1990, twenty-two adults, Jews and non-Jews, had fun as they learned to read the Holy Tongue in eight hours on a Sunday. In November 1990, twenty people learned Hebrew on two consecutive Sundays. This year, we again offered the same successful method, on two consecutive Sundays for four hours each.

The first meeting of the Adult Education Committee launched plans for a variety of exciting programs. During the fall, plans were laid for the Rabbi to present an Introduction to Judaism class, a class on Project Link, and a Rabbi's study group on the Prophets.

Later this year, several activities involving films will be offered. These events include a presentation by cinematographer, Aviva Kepner, of her film *Partisans of Vilna* (about Polish resistance during World War II) and a film series of several films concerned with Jewish themes with discussions of the films' ideas. The committee is also exploring the possibility of showing the series, *Heritage,* to discuss Jewish history. In the spring, the committee will be developing plans for the Scholar-in-Residence program and a Shavuot study. Many, many thanks are due to the Rabbi and Sara Birnham, Rick Chess, Bob Deutsch, Ruth Gaynes, David and Lisa Gould, Sue Greenberg, Eliot Katz and Ken Schapira, and our chairperson, Caren Kessler, for getting this year's committee off to such a creative and energetic start. All of these programs should prove to be meaningful and memorable to every person who attends them.

Synagogue Personals

Congratulations to Gene and Claire Toreky on the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Rachele Rephan, of Charleston, S.C. and Far Hills, N.J. to Barry Solondz of Warren, N.J.; to Harry Lerner on the birth of a grandson, Joshua Leib Relkin (Joshua is the son of Vivian and David Relkin); to Janet Freedman and Robert Feirstein, who were married on Oct. 26; and to Drs. Doug Milch and Debra Wright on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to Mark and Liz Nigrosh on the birth of twins, Hilary Eve and Seth Alexander, on Oct. 22 and to Isaac and Sylvia Klein, on the birth of a granddaughter, Stefanie Jill Klein. Thank you to our office volunteers for the month of November: Reba Barton, Hilda Ehrlich, Barbara Miller, Lauren Miller, Abby Miller and Cassie Miller. Also, thank you to Ben Rudow, who designed and made the Wheel of Yontif for the Sunday School and has donated it to the Synagogue in honor of his grandchildren, Joshua and Caleb.

Mazel Tov to Ruth Gaynes and Milton Lurey for being named Kallah Torah and Chatan Bereshit at the Simchat Torah services. These are two honors given to members of the congregation who are especially dedicated to the study and ideals of the Torah. Ruth had the final *aliyah* of the Torah (the end of Deuteronomy) and Milton had the first *aliyah* of the Book of Genesis. Yaasher Koach to Ruth and Milton.

Yaasher Koach to: Uta Levinson, who is our new Mazon liaison. She will be contacting families who have Simchas and letting them know that they should be donating three percent of the cost of the food to Mazon, the Jewish organization that distributes food to the hungry (Jews and non-Jews) all over the world; M. J. Seidenberg for putting our bulletin together each month so nicely; and Morry Tenenbaum, Dr. Norman Sollod, Ruth Gaynes, Bob Deutsch and Dr. Joseph Schandler, for leading services in the Rabbi's absence and Dr. Hal Rotman for Torah reading.

Rabbi's Activities

Rabbi Birnham is now the Jewish Chaplain at the VA Hospital. His recent busy schedule includes the following: he was on a thirty-minute radio talk show explaining the Jewish High Holy Days. The taped interview was broadcast on Yom Kippur afternoon. He taught four consecutive Thursday evenings at UNCA in the Jewish Adult Institute, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Center. The subject was Jewish Bio-Ethics. He spoke at the Bahai Center at their Opening Ceremonies. He made the invocation at the United Nations Day Celebration at the Gala Dinner. He spoke out against capital punishment at a rally at the Unitarian Church. He was asked to serve on the following Boards of Directors: the Asheville Buncombe

County Community Relations Council and the Hospice of Asheville, Solace. Lastly, Rabbi Birnham was invited to be a participant at Vanderbilt University in an Interfaith Program sponsored by The University and the Lilly Foundation. He was in Nashville on Nov. 4 and 5.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Friendship Circle

The subject of the November and December meetings was the work of Isaac Bashevis Singer. On the discussion schedule of this series are his short stories, including *Gimpel the Fool, Passions,* and *Old Love.*

The Sisterhood

After the Oct. 6 forum on "Why Religious Education?" Leah Karpen, moderator of the discussion, wrote in the Temple bulletin, ". . .panelists Evan Gilreath, Kerry Friedman, Susan Linn and Betsy Katel presented some thoughtful ideas, which finally led to the need for adult education for religious school parents on Sunday mornings.

"Evan found that religious education helped him to learn about himself, to educate non-Jewish friends and the world, to learn about Torah and the State of Israel. Kerry emphasized the influence and example of special teachers. He felt religious education for 5-8 year olds should be playful and active. Religious education provides continuity in our lives. He stressed the importance of connecting religious school to home life.

"Susan stated that the responsibility of parents goes beyond delivering the children to school. Parents can actively participate in the Sunday School and must also provide a framework at home. Discussions of moral dilemmas are useful in helping young people form their values. Betsy stated that some kind of religious education is essential for young people. It gives them a framework for judging right and wrong.

"The discussion that followed brought out the need for communication with children and the home atmosphere for Judaism. The feeling of belonging is made possible by association with other Jewish children, especially as we live in a secular, non-Jewish society."

Thanks were extended to Hilde Hoffman, Irene Braun, Cathy Shastri and Judy Haller who helped plan the program and prepare the bagel breakfast.

"Nothing Serious" might have been the motto for the general meeting and light lunch/social hour on Nov. 11. Arranged by Rose Rose and Sylvia Meyer, the lunch, following a short business meeting, was notable for its super soup created by Rose, ambrosia fruit salad by Hilde Hoffman, and trimmings and able assistance by Judy Haller and Fran Aaron. Fun and games, including bridge, Scrabble, and conversation made an enjoyable afternoon.

A covered dish dinner, coordinated by Barbara Jarmel, was held Oct. 25. The members outdid themselves; the menu was memorable, the companionship warm, the whole occasion a pleasure.

The Brotherhood

At the Oct. 20 brunch, Jewish Community Center Executive Director David Seidenberg, the featured speaker, told the gathering that one million Soviet refugees are expected to arrive in Israel in the next four years, resulting in a 20% population increase. To cope with this relatively sudden enormous influx, appropriate employment and housing will have to be provided.

Among his most moving experiences were greeting a plane-load of Russian Jews in the middle of the night to the strains of "Hatikva" and visiting Yad Vashem, the memorial in Jerusalem to the six million Holocaust victims. He reflected that if any of them could have escaped fifty years ago, there was nowhere they could have gone.

The Brotherhood conducted the service on Nov. 15. At the Oneg, the video tape "Hineni," concerning the revival of Judaism in the Soviet Union, was shown.

The Religious School

On Nov. 8, new students beginning their religious education were called up to the pulpit during services to receive a special blessing from the Rabbi. Consecrants this year were Rebecca Friedman, daughter of Anna and Kerry Friedman; Veronica Grant, daughter of Janet and Ronnie Grant; Anna Grimes, daughter of Pat and Junius Grimes; Lauren Hollifield, daughter of Holly and Larry Hollifield; Melissa Lang, daughter of Chris and Bill Lang; Joshua Pozner, son of Hilda and Robert Pozner, and Hillary Vandewart, daughter of Cindy and Mark Vandewart.

On Dec. 27, our religious school students participated in the downtown Asheville *Light Up Your Holidays* program for Chanukah.

The Dec. 8 religious school session was enlivened by a Latkes and applesauce party. Phyllis Bluming, school principal, thanked pupil Leah Katell's mother Betsy, who was the parent coordinator for this day. She also thanked the school's five teachers and the Rabbi for their work in planning and executing the day's activities.

Notes on our Rabbi

Rabbi Bluming joined a group of clergymen in a discussion following a class session on "Death and Dying" at Mars Hill College. The Rabbi noted that, to quote the local newspaper account, ". . .the Jewish funeral tradition focuses primarily on the life and good deeds of the deceased. Jewish funerals are generally conducted within 24 hours after a death, the casket is closed so family and friends can remember the deceased as he was in life, and the funeral service is designed to console and comfort the bereaved. . .Bluming remembered when his wife's grandmother died he was asked to read the liturgy at her funeral, because a family member told him, 'It will be easy for you.' 'I'll stop if it ever gets easy,' Bluming said."

The Rabbi delivered the message at the 1991 interfaith Thanksgiving service at the First Christian Church, Nov. 27.

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New Members

A warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Lewis of Hendersonville, our newest members.

Personals

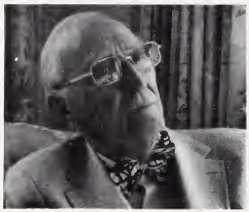
In Memory of Simon Meyer

by Cyril Jacobs

Forty years ago, a truly creative and ever active Jew introduced himself to the North Carolina Jewish Community with his participation in the birth of the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism at Wildacres. He lived in Charleston, W.V., and when he heard of our plans he called Maurice Weinstein and began his regular visits and his enthusiastic support of and participation in Institute programs. On the last day of October of this year, just short of his ninety-second birthday, Simon Meyer died, leaving behind him many North Carolina friends and a long history of commitment to Jewish values and enthusiastic participation in our North Carolina search for Jewish maturity.

In 1990, when he was no longer able to travel, he wrote to the Institute saying, "I must tell all of you that I am indebted to Wildacres for almost every thought and project that I have undertaken in the last forty years." And we must respond with the recognition of his contribution to North Carolina Judaism. This man came to Wildacres and learned. He shared his knowledge with everyone he met and he made it the basis of an inspiring leadership in his own community and wherever he went—the true purpose of the Institite.

Born in Texas, trained in engineering, a man of many activities and interests, sponsor of a nationally known "Demographic Study of Charleston Jewry," president and inspiration of his own congregation, author of *One Hundred Years,* an anthology of Charleston Jewry, Simon Meyer left to his community and to Jewry an active Jewish family



Simon Meyer

with his same commitments. As his Rabbi said of him, "Only his days have drawn to a close. His accomplishments, his deeds and his knowledge will be with us forever." His Rabbi of fifty-nine years, now retired, wrote, "He was a man of learning, a gentle and kind soul, a man of highest moral and ethical standards, ardent in his love for and devotion to his faith, his people and its land."

Au revoir Simon.

Jack L. Levin of Greensboro, N.C. Honored

The National Center for the Study of Wilson's Disease in New York City has named its new facility for Jack L. Levin of Greensboro. The facility is under construction at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York. Mr. Levin is chairman of the board of the Center, newly named The Jack L. Levin Laboratory for the Study of Wilson's Disease.

Since he was diagnosed as having Wilson's disease in 1961, he has dedicated his life to supporting the study and treatment of the disease, which is a disorder of the body's chemistry that causes toxic concentrations of copper to accumulate in the liver and brain and occurs in those who inherit a pair of specific abnormal, recessive genes that prohibit the liver from excreting excess copper present in every diet.

Jack Levin suffered the symptoms of severe neurological and psychiatric disturbances which are typical. When diagnosed, it is treatable; however, it is so rare that patients are rarely tested for it. In Jack Levin's case, it was four years until he received accurate diagnosis and treatment. The treatment is penicillamine capsules, but if untreated, the disease is fatal. Levin's health was completely restored.

Jack Levin is vice president of Levin Brothers, Inc. in Burlington, N.C., a scrap metal processing business established in 1909 by his father, Solomon I. Levin. Solomon was one of the founding fathers and finally a resident of the Blumenthal Jewish Home until his death in 1984.

The Levin family has long been involved in support of the Blumenthal Home, as well as The National Center for the Study of Wilson's Disease, where its diagnosis, research and treatment are conducted.

Ralph and Nettie Smith Have Bar and Bat Mitzvot in Jerusalem

Mazel Tov to retirees, Ralph and Nettie Smith of Charlotte, who celebrated their Bar and Bat Mitzvot at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on Nov. 14, 1991. Officiating was Rabbi Victor Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were participants in a B'nai B'rith Tour of Israel. The entire tour group attended the Simcha at the Western Wall with the Smiths.

Andra Ellis Painting at Mint Museum Charlotte, N.C.

The Mint Museum has purchased a ceramic painting by Andra Ellis, a nationally recognized artist and resident of Charlotte. The work will be presented in the Contemporary Art Collection.

Ms. Ellis's credits include a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the only ceramic artist in North Carolina to receive such an honor in 1991. This fall, Andra Ellis had work included in the prestigious American Craft Museum's "Collectors Eye" exhibition in New York City, and this

spring she will be one of two artists chosen to represent North Carolina in the classic "Spotlight on Georgia Artists" exhibition in Atlanta.

In addition to her own work Andra Ellis is also actively involved in community projects. This November she worked with youngsters served by the Children's Law Center in a special art project. Under her supervision the children designed and painted a 50-foot mural for the center's office at 404 E. Trade Street.

In the Jewish community, Ms. Ellis is a member of Temple Israel Sisterhood, Hadassah and The Jewish Community Center.

Ms. Ellis will have a new body of work displayed at her one-person show at the Hodges Taylor Gallery on North Tryon Street. The exhibition of her ceramic paintings will open February 7 and close March 4, 1992. There will be an opening reception for the artist.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Provda



Mr. and Mrs. Karl W. Payne

Geller-Provda Wedding Rancho Palos Verdes, Cal.

Tena Bea Geller and Jack Daniel Provda of Foothill Ranch, Cal., were married on Aug. 25, 1991 at the Catalina Room in Rancho Palos Verdes, Cal. Officiating was Rabbi Bernard King.

Marlene Bobst and Jerry Giles, brother of the bride, vocalists, provided the music. A dinner-dance followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Geller of Santa Monica, Cal. Her parents gave her in marriage. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Provda of Hendersonville, N.C. His father is the best man.

Peggie Geller of Van Nuys, Cal., sister of the bride, was matron-of-honor.

Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Allard, Karen Miller and Jill Storti, all of California; Kathleen Brown of Michigan. Child attendants were Nathaniel and Alexander Provda, nephews of the groom, ringbearers; Lauren Mastrodonato, Chelsea Miller, Jamie Redding and Erin Stort, flower girls. The groom's sisters, Rebecca Finck of Tenafly, N.J., and Nancy Provda of San Francisco, Cal., were also attendants, as were the groom's nephews, Matthew and Benjamin Finck of Tenafly.

The ushers were Dr. Mark Provda of Berkeley, Cal., brother of the groom; Gary Green and Richard Fox of California, and Wayne Darner of Arlington, Texas.

The bride was graduated from Santa Monica High School and Santa Monica College with an A.A. degree, and California State University of Long Beach with a B.A. in home economics. She is the owner of a management consulting firm in Irvine, Cal.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Hendersonville High School, holds a B.A. in geology from University of Colorado, and an M.A. from the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, Ariz. He is sales manager at Exceltech, Inc. of Irvine.

The newlyweds honeymooned at Fiji Islands and New Zealand.

Provda-Payne Wedding Sausalito, Cal.

Nancy Michele Provda and Karl William Payne of San Francisco, Cal., were married Nov. 10, 1991 at the Alta Mira Hotel in Sausalito, Cal. Officiating was Cantor Martin Feldman. A dinner-dance followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Provda of Hendersonville, N.C. Her father gave her in marriage. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Payne of Modesto, Cal. His father was best man.

Rebecca Provda Finck of Tenafly, N.J., sister of the bride, was matron-of-honor.

Bridesmaids were Melinda Payne of Santa Cruz, Cal., and Lauren Payne of Lafayette, Cal., daughters of the bridegroom. Child attendants were Larissa Wocher of Los Angeles, Cal., flower girl; Nathaniel and Alexander Provda of Berkeley, Cal., nephews of the bride.

Ushers were Dr. Mark Provda of Berkeley, and Jack D. Provda of Foothill Ranch, Cal., brothers of the bride; Matthew and Benjamin Finck of Tenafly, nephews of the bride.

The bride graduated from Hendersonville High School, attended the University of Miami (Fla.), and graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in drama education. She is an independent sales representative in San Francisco.

The groom was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with B.A. and Law degrees. He is an attorney-at-law in San Francisco.

The couple honeymooned at Tahiti.

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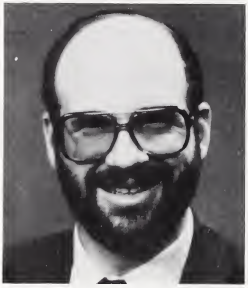
The Gift Wrap in Crabtree Valley Mall, sponsored by the Raleigh, North Carolina, Chapter of Hadassah, does not wrap gifts on Shabbos (Friday evening and all day Saturday). At those times a cooperative arrangement with the Millbrook High School Band Boosters is used to keep the booth staffed.

Greenville, S.C. Federated Jewish Charities

by Joyce Fishman Klein

The Education Committee of the Greenville Federated Jewish Charities sponsors two or three special programs per year for the entire Jewish Community of the Greater Greenville area. On Nov. 17, the guest speaker was Rabbi Michael Gold of Tamarac Jewish Center, Tamarac, Fla. Rabbi Gold's presentation was entitled, *Does God Belong in the Bedroom? A Fresh Look at Jewish Sexual Ethics,* a topic of interest to people of all ages.

Rabbi Gold received his BA in mathematics from the University of California in San Diego, and was



Rabbi Michael Gold

ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1979. He is the author of *And Hanna Wept: Infertility, Adoption and the Jewish Couple.* He has lectured extensively around the country on this topic and counseled numerous infertile couples and birthparents.

Rabbi Gold is a captivating speaker besides being a wonderful human being. I strongly recommend him as a speaker for other communities to consider.

Previous programs sponsored by the Education Committee in 1991 included a Clemson professor who discussed the reunification of Germany, and an ADL staff person discussing anti-Semitism in the United States. Joyce Fishman Klein of Clemson is the chairman of the Federation Education Committee.

Charlotte B'nai B'rith Men News

by Michael Yaffe

The Charlotte Lodge #1174 of B'nai B'rith men would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped us with another very successful Operation Snowflake—our annual Christmas Substitution service project. With over seventy B'nai B'rith members and non-members, we assisted local hospitals and the Mecklenburg County jail by providing volunteers to substitute for the regular non-Jewish volunteers on December 24 and 25 so they could enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families. Volunteers are needed for this program each year in areas like patient escort, waiting rooms, admitting, as well as the jail's booking rooms. To "pre-volunteer" for next year's program, please call Scott Gorelick (704) 543-9799.

The Lodge held a Bagel Breakfast December 15 with Dr. Jared Schwartz speaking on the topic of "Aids: Putting Things Into Perspective." Dr. Schwartz's thought-provoking and very timely talk on this sensitive subject will hopefully raise the awareness of the true impact of this disease on our community. We all appreciate his willingness to come and speak to us on this. The Lodge plans to host another speaker at a Bagel Breakfast on Sunday, March 22.

The Charlotte Lodge is happy to announce the welcome arrival of the following new Lodge members, some of whom are rejoining after an absence to show their support for B'nai B'rith, its ideals and programs: Marshall Rauch, Mark Lerner, Gary D. Goodman, George Schneider, Myron Slutsky, Peter Rauch, James R. Sidd, Jr., Martin Goodstein and Murray M. Monosoff.

Many thanks to Lodge Membership Vice President Barry Brodsky, for his outstanding efforts in increasing Lodge membership by the addition of such fine individuals to our roster. All new members will be honored at our next installation. To find out more about the Lodge, please call Barry Brodsky (704) 552-8770 or Scott Gorelick (704) 543-9799.

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Congratulations to Ken Stern, former State Association President, who recently received the B'nai B'rith Label A. Katz Young Leadership Award. He was one of this year's five recipients worldwide! The award is given for exceptional service to B'nai B'rith International and to the general community. Ken was honored in December at a luncheon in Washington, D.C.

At her last City Council meeting on November 25, 1991, former Charlotte Mayor Sue Myrick and the City Council presented the Lodge with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City for our tree planting programs in 1989 (in Fourth Ward) and 1990 (at two elementary schools). Lodge President Scott Gorelick and Lodge President-Elect Eric Levine accepted the certificate on behalf of the Lodge. Plans are in the works for another Tu b'Shevat Tree Planting Program on January 19, 1992. Anyone interested in helping plant trees, please call Steve Menaker (704) 841-1837 or Martin Goodstein (704) 365-4508.

Four members of the Charlotte Lodge, Sol Jaffa, Frank Rosen, Ken Stern and Scott Gorelick, attended the semi-annual District Five Board of Governors meeting in Atlanta on November 16-17, 1991. The Governors discussed serious issues such as the future of B'nai B'rith and heard from keynote speaker, International President Kent E. Schiner.

On February 22, the N.C. State Association will host another B'nai B'rith Leadership Workshop in Pinehurst, N.C. Members from North and South Carolina as well as Georgia are invited to attend this weekend leadership development conference. Several members of the Board of Governors of District Five also plan to attend as speakers. To attend or for more information, please contact Scott Gorelick (704) 543-9799.

Crown City Chapter ORT Charlotte, N.C.

by Peggie Rovman

Where normally I would be praising our local chapter, after reading the following article sent to me from the national ORT office, it seemed too important not to pass on. I hope it will touch you as it did me. If so, and you would like to know more about ORT, please call Peggie Rovman, (704) 552-2010.

ORT Program Led to a New Venture

Michael Kreinin studied ecology in Russia. The program also included excursions, travelling around the country and exploring nature. Having an inclination for sports in the open air, he got involved with rafting and became an enthusiastic exerciser.

Soon after his immigration to Israel, Kreinin joined an entrepreneurship course provided by ORT Career—ORT's Adult Education Systems. While on the course it occurred to him that rafting had a good chance of becoming popular in Israel.

He checked the Jordan River's current and its banks carefully and reached the conclusion that the Russian boats he was familiar with could serve the purpose very well. At that point Kreinin decided to materialize the project. His first step was to apply to Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi which has the concession on tourism and sports activities along the hilly part of the Jordan River where the waters are more rapid and the river flows through diverse areas.

He agreed with the Kibbutz authorities on a joint venture and then went to Russia and placed an order for several boats to be built with the necessary alterations suitable for the special conditions of this river.

A few months later the boats arrived in Israel and, at present, rafting which is a new sport there is already being practiced by many visitors who tour that area.

ORT in Czechoslovakia

The World ORT Union has announced that it plans to hold its Spring 1992 Executive Committee Meeting in Czechoslovakia, home of its most recently chartered organization. The establishment of the ORT Czechoslovakia committee is expected to give impetus to the introduction of ORT operational programs in the former East Bloc country.

Heading the Czechoslovakian committee is Dr. Vladimir Zelezny, an advisor to President Vaclav Havel, a leading member of the Civic Forum movement, and also vice president of the Franz Kafka Institute. Dr. Thomas Kraus, executive director of the Prague Jewish Community, has also joined the ORT committee, as have other influential personalities in Prague and Bratislava.

Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

Chanukah celebrations at the preschool were a smashing success! At the Chanukah Craft Party on Dec. 4, children participated in making crafts

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and then played games such as pin the candle on the Menorah and feed the Maccabee a Latke, while blindfolded. Of course, the Dreidle game for M&M's held the most fascination for the children.

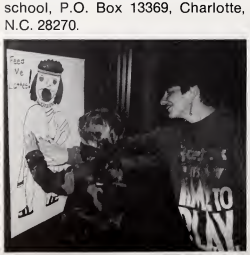
Many members of the community, as well as parents and grandparents, attended the Chanukah Shabbat program on Dec. 6. The preschool children sang songs for the audience and the Pre-K class performed as Chanukah candles, counting in Hebrew, while teacher Ms. Millie, acting as the Shamash, "lit" each one.

Roz Cooper, educational director for Temple Israel, entertained the children with Chanukah stories and assisted preschool director Carol Klein, with the candlelighting and Shabbat program.

In January we look forward to a visit from "Viva Klezmer." Parents are welcome to join their children for the concert starting at 9:30 a.m. on Jan 15. Temple Beth El V'Shalom Sisterhood is co-sponsoring this event which promises to be a cultural highlight.

Other upcoming events include a traditional Tu b'Shevat Seder on Jan. 20 and the annual Pajama Party on Feb. 12. Teachers and children will dress in pajamas, play games, eat special snacks and have lots of other fun planned for the day as well.

Registration for fall 1992 at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool begins on Jan. 27. For further information contact Carol Klein at (704) 366-5007 or write to the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, P.O. Box 13369, Charlotte, N.C. 28270.



Fun and games at Preschool's Chanukah Craft Party.

Blumenthal Foundation Awards Matching Grant to Charlotte Jewish Preschool Scholarship Fund

by Laura Knight

The Blumenthal Foundation recently awarded a $10,000 matching grant to the Charlotte Jewish Preschool Scholarship Fund. The Fund, which will be administered by the Jewish Community Fund, was established this fall to provide an independent source of future scholarships.

The Blumenthal Foundation will match up to $10,000 of the contributions received by June 30, 1992. The Preschool thanks the Blumenthal Foundation for its generous support and hopes the community will help meet this challenge.

If you would like to contribute, please send a check, payable to the Charlotte Jewish Preschool Scholarship Fund, to: Charlotte Jewish Preschool, P.O. Box 13369, Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte

by Sue Brodsky, Director

The CHSJS eighth and ninth graders participated in a special event on Nov. 20, 1991. The approximately 60 students were divided into eight teams and were given the following directive:

It is the year 2090. The world is on the edge of an ecological disaster. Colonies are being established on Mars. Federation is sending a Jewish team and tonight we will decide which team will go. Your mission will be to establish a Jewish community on Mars that will insure the survival of Judaism throughout the generations.

Using prepared lists the students were asked to select 1) the five most valuable people who were willing to accompany them on the mission; 2) five objects to take with them to guarantee the survival of Judaism; 3) five Mitzvot that they believe to be most important; 4) five Jewish ideas about life and living upon which to base their community.

Their ideas were presented to a panel of judges who agreed that all the teams had done equally well. After a Jewish trivia run-off game, the members of Team 6 were declared winners and were given prizes.

The Post Confirmation class did a special Tzedakah project on Dec. 8 at Temple Israel. Members of the class under the able leadership of Chairman Ben Frank planned and cooked a delicious spaghetti dinner for the new Russian families who have come to Charlotte within the last six months.



(L. to R.): Ben Frank, Ashley Widis and Geoffrey Gartner at Post-Confirmation Class Dinner.



Roz Cooper entertains the audience with Chanukah stories at Preschool's Chanukah Shabbat program.

Because of an overabundance of food, the class did a double Mitzvah by taking the leftovers to the Salvation Army's Women's Homeless Shelter. The twelve members of the class who participated should be proud of their outstanding effort. Special thanks to Gayle Nordin without whom the program would not have been nearly so successful.

On Dec. 5, the members of the CHS Student Council planned and led a Chanukah program for the student body. Mitch Rolnick, Scott Katowitz and James Schatz were co-chairmen. The students were led in songs and accompanied on the guitar by Joel Goldman, and the Menorah was lit by members of the student council. Special thanks to Paula Gentile and to the other parent volunteers that evening for providing donuts for the students.

Charlotte Jewish Community Day School

by Rabbi Robert A. Seigel

With the rapid growth of the Charlotte Jewish community in recent years, a movement has developed to re-open a community-based Jewish day school. A committee which represents the many diverse groups in the community has been meeting for almost a year to lay the foundations for the new school.

On the weekend of Nov. 22-24, one of the country's leading experts on community Jewish day school came to Charlotte as a consultant. Sara Lee, director of the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, met that weekend with several groups. On Friday night she spoke at Temple Beth El V'Shalom, and on Saturday morning she spoke at Temple Israel. The Day School Committee members met with her Shabbat afternoon for a study session on day school ideology and structure. Sunday morning Ms. Lee met with parents of potential students. Her visit to Charlotte was seen by the Day School Committee as extremely helpful in focusing on the most vital issues.

In recent years there has been a trend toward integrated community Jewish education in Charlotte. During the past decade the Joint Adult Institute, encompassing all congregations and Jewish institutions, was created. The Community Jewish High School was started a few years ago and has been a tremendous success, recently expanding Jewish education into the 11th and 12th grades. The Charlotte Jewish Preschool also came into being as a joint project of two congregations within the past few years. The Introduction to Judaism course has been taught the past two years by the rabbis of both the Reform and Conservative congregations. And this is the second year of a unified Confirmation class of Temple Beth El V'Shalom and Temple Israel, taught by both rabbis.

With the successful first years of Shalom Park and the move toward consolidation and upgrading of Jewish education, the move to re-establish a community day school was a natural development. The school will be a community-based center for quality secular and Jewish education. Students will participate in an integrated curriculum which will encourage them to apply academic insights and Jewish values to all aspects of critical thinking and ethical living. Through its many programs for the enrichment of the learning process—grounded in secular and Jewish curriculum—its students will begin their lives with confidence, independence, optimism, and an awareness of their heritage as American Jews.

Arthur Kramer is president of the Day School Committee; Morris Spil is treasurer; Rabbi H. Scott White is corresponding secretary; and Rabbi Robert A. Seigel is recording secretary.

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CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

Teachers' Inservice Workshop

Make It & Take It—A Hands-On Workshop will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1992 at Shalom Park in Charlotte from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

For further information, call CAJE (704) 366-5007, or write to CAJE, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270-0082.

M & M's Workshops in Charlotte

CAJE has planned the following "M & M's" workshops for the first quarter of 1992. On Sunday, Jan. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., we offer "Meeting Moses, Meeting Maimonides." This is a chance to meet your favorite "M" character from Jewish history, live and in-person.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, M & M's goes to Sunday School in "M & M's Mitzvah Mall," from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a joint family education Tzedakah program of CAJE, Temple Israel and Temple Beth El V'Shalom for children in grades 3 through 5.

And on Sunday, March 29, CAJE presents "Medinat Yisrael—Making Israel" from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., described as a hands-on afternoon of fun, creating Israel in Charlotte.

For more information, please call Lenora Stein at (704) 366-5007.

National & World News Briefs

Repeal of Racism Charge

by Estelle Hoffman

In its editorial *The Charlotte Observer* said that the United Nations "repealed the lie." The lie was the resolution passed by the world body that Zionism is racism, but a statement, either oral or printed, does not constitute a truth.

In this case, it was propaganda, but there is doubt as to whether any minds were changed by it. Now the same delegates who agreed to that particular brand of name-calling have reversed their decision.

What an appellation for Jews, who throughout their history have been victims of racism. If anything could be learned by victims of the Holocaust, it must have been that the behavior of the Nazis should never again occur and that it is a never-to-bo-copied example of the criminal nature of humanity.

Racism is defined as a belief that human races have distinctive characteristics which determine their cultures, "usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to rule others," according to the Random House 1967 dictionary. It says nothing about genocide or attempts to eliminate a race, only that the right to rule over them is included.

It may be that some people in every race feel superior, a human trait we call "the pecking order." Human nature has many undesirable traits, and the goodness within a person prompts him or her to struggle to overcome the unjust impulse. Perhaps at this moment in history, the goodness in some people is uppermost, or is it just weariness of the killing, the frustration, the expense?

In a utopian world, there would be one race, the human race, and one tiny minority would not need to shoulder the responsibility of the command to be a light unto the nations.

B'nai B'rith Protests

The Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith has sent to the United States administration and to Congress messages condemning policies of the current administration. The attitude that would permit organized prayer in public schools undermines the principles of our First Amendment which guarantees separation between church and state.

Another message was a protest to the delay in considering loan guarantees to Israel. Linkage between the peace process and immigration of Soviet Jews into Israel is misguided.

B'nai B'rith also called attention to the continued outbreak of extremism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in many countries, including the actions of hate groups and individuals in our own country. Acceptance of diversity must be emphasized.

Haitian Refugees

Remembering the plight of Jews driven from Europe during the 1940's, the American Jewish Committee calls on the United States Government to act favorably towards refugees from Haiti.

The AJC recommends that forcible deportation of Haitians be stopped. The Committee further advises cessation of interdiction of Haitians on the high seas, that those Haitians not be detained in Guantanamo or other detention camps, that we grant protection to the Haitians for the duration of the political emergency in that country, and that we do all we can to restore the democratically elected government of Haiti.

Protected status in the United States would include authorization to work, implying that would relieve us of financial burden.

This movement by the American Jewish Committee confirms the thought of Rabbi Edward Feld in his book, *The Spirit of Renewal,* that the Holocaust should make us sensitive to victims of persecution. He is right: we learned from the Nazis how *not* to act.

Jews in Syria

There are 4,000 Jews in Syria, 3,000 in Damascus, the others in Aleppo and Kamishli. They have religious freedom, but almost no further rights. A few are imprisoned in atrocious conditions. Some tried to travel out of Syria. There were no trials.

Individual American legislators, as well as both houses of Congress, have called for release of all Syrian Jews, whose plight was discussed extensively during the House Foreign Affairs Committee's annual review of the U.S. Human Rights Policy. Legislation has been proposed to prohibit any aid to Syria until it permits free emigration.

One wonders if Syria plans to use its Jews as a bargaining tool in peace talks.

Saudi Ambassador Meets with Jewish Leaders

Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the U.S., Prince Bandar bin Sultan, met with leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York. The invitation came from the Prince.

The unprecedented meeting created the opportunity for further dialogue, and it reflected what the Ambassador called the transition from confrontation to negotiation. He said he spoke for his government, which supports UN resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for peace in the Middle East.

As part of the region, Israel's participation in the peace process is expected, the Ambassador stated. He spoke of Saudi Arabia's commitment to legitimate rights of the Palestinians. The proposal of President Bush to repeal the 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism was discussed, as well as the Arab boycott, anti-Semitism, support for terrorism, and the arms race in the Middle East.

Both sides agreed the meeting was a positive development.

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IS THE HUG QUOTIENT HIGH AT BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME?

A recent article in a seniors journal advocated the importance of touch for individuals of all ages and even categorized the number of hugs one needed daily to remain healthy. Included was a brief survey by which readers could determine if they were receiving their adequate quota of hugs each day. Popular psychological literature has familiarized us with reports of well-fed infants wasting away from lack of human comforting in overcrowded orphanages and research with monkeys who become developmentally disturbed after separation from their mothers' touch. We all know that infants need to be cuddled and rocked and children need to be hugged. Their very preciousness invites us to do so. But what about the rare preciousness of those who have lived to be 80, 90 or 100 years old? Do their gray hair and wrinkled fingers not invite our touch?

Older adults may find that, after active maturing years and busy lives where human contact was often plentiful and sometimes taken for granted, as we tend often to do, they now have become increasingly isolated. For those living alone, transportation may become difficult, daily contacts fewer, and close family and friends diminishing. Their daily quota of hugs just may not be available.



Fair Oaks resident Rose Nove receives a hug from her husband, Herman, while on an outing at Tanglewood Park.

"What is the 'hug quotient' of your nursing home?" is a question not often asked by families inquiring about admission to a nursing home. Perhaps it should be. The human touch is one of the main components of life and of survival for those living at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Human touch is what both begins the day and brings it to a close. It is the nursing staff offering their comforting hands with daily tasks. It is a hug from a pre-school child visiting for Shabbat or a volunteer greeting a resident on the shopping trip. It is the activity staff offering their arms for a walk or two residents who have become new friends just holding hands. Hugs are accessible at Blumenthal Jewish Home, and human touch is an essential part of the daily schedule.

BJH Offers The Human Touch





Clockwise from left: Helene Baruch and Temple Emanuel pre-schoolers; volunteer Jeanne Reznick with Ida Feinberg and Ruth Rose; volunteer Millie Slatkoff with Lily Marx; Don Morris and George Carp; Joanne Landau with her mother, Lena Krieger.







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BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

FAIR OAKS

AN INTERNATIONAL & INTERGENERATIONAL SCENE



Dora Bierman receives a visit at the birthday party from granddaughter, Susan Barbitta, and two great grandsons.



A new great granddaughter is the focus of attention when four generations gather in Syd Kastel's room in Fair Oaks.

International and intergenerational is the nature of Fair Oaks with residents and visitors coming from across the globe. Multi-generational gatherings have become favorite events. Syd Kastel, formerly of New York City, recently enjoyed a four-generational visit with her daughter from Pittsboro, North Carolina, and granddaughter and great granddaughter from Portland, Oregon.

Dora Bierman moved North to Fair Oaks from Miami Beach, Florida, and now visits often with granddaughter, Susan, and three great grandchildren who live nearby in Clemmons. Susan Barbitta, one of our first "roll & Stroll" volunteers, brought her children to visit the "grandma's" at Fair Oaks before her own grandmother, Mrs. Bierman, moved in.

Nelly Schwarz, a resident of Fair Oaks since April, 1990, came to Fair Oaks via Charlotte, North Carolina, but formerly lived in New York City and was born in Rulzheim, Germany. If you visit her room, you may think Fair Oaks has gone to the dogs for it's lately been filled with small, shaggy poodles of every color from black and white to pink and gray. These toy poodles are easy to take care of, and being for sale, they don't stay around long enough to make a mess. Enjoying her new hobby, developed in the BJH Craft Shop, Ms. Schwarz is busy filling the many gift orders she has received.

Esther Pearson, from Fayetteville, North Carolina, is formerly from London, England. A resident of Fair Oaks since August, 1988, Esther, under the tutelage of painting instructor, Catherine Smith, has developed her artistic talents and recently sold an oil painting created in the Craft Shop.

The Craft Shop is a favorite locale where Fair Oaks residents gather and nurture their creativity and skills. Fair Oaks is the perfect place for multi-generations to gather and to nurture each other.



Nelly Schwarz proudly displays two of the many toy poodles she has been making and selling for the Craft Shop.

SUE's NEWS

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?



Volunteers wait for residents to arrive for a day at the Dixie Classic Fair.



Above: Elana Harkavy watches as Rabbi Richard Harkavy and Polly & Aaron Strasser prepare to kindle the Chanukah menorah at BJH.

Below: Greensboro volunteer Joan LeBauer assists Juanita Brown with a ride to the birthday party.



"What do volunteers do at the Blumenthal Jewish Home?" is a question often asked. As in all volunteer programs, volunteers do what they like to do, they do what they feel good about doing, they do things that make a difference in other people's lives.

In October, volunteers made possible a trip to the Dixie Classic Fair, a day filled with treats from A to Z — including candy apples, hot dogs, pizza, quilts, sunshine and zinnias. Halloween came without tricks and more treats when the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club arrived. These "spirited" and "ghostly" volunteers entertained with song, dance and a costume parade.

In November, days grew colder, but volunteers provided the warmth at BJH. They went shopping and played bingo, pushed wheelchairs, shared lunch and held hands. They did all the things that make a difference everyday in so many ways.

December arrived not in darkness but with the bright lights of Chanukah bringing hope to our Home. Volunteers arrived providing a gift of light each night as they kindled the Chanukah menorahs in each dining room and brought holiday blessings to the residents. Our thanks to this year's Chanukah volunteers — Drs. Bert and Dorothy Kalet, Rabbi Richard Harkavy and Elana, Polly and Aaron Strasser, Marcia Epstein, Bruce and Melanie Rosenbaum and their son, Joseph, Sam Jacobson, Barry and Leah Strulson, and Winston-Salem BBYO members Beth Stern, David Schneider, and Kacie and Leigh Miller.

Volunteers Make A Fair Day, A Great Day



Fair Oaks residents Matthew Miller and Pearl Yachnin enjoy lunch at the fair.





Above right: Volunteer Frances Brenner escorts Fair Oaks resident Mickey Samet at the fairground.
Below: BJH resident Ira Gutman enjoys a day at the fair with volunteer Howard Friedensen.
Left: Volunteer Mary Siceloff and BJH resident Martha Mayer enjoy both the sunshine and the snacks at the fair.



BJH NEWS BRIEFS — WINNING EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT BJH

- **BJH RESIDENTS WON TEN RIBBONS AT THE DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR** this year. Congratulations to those residents who received prizes in the Senior Citizens Craft Division for oil paintings and needle arts created in the BJH Craft Shop and to their instructors, Catherine Smith and Lena Wall, for their excellent teaching. Winners were: Helene Baruch, Rose Halpern, Eva Kaplan, Henrietta Meltsner, Esther Pearson, Gladys Poindexter, Jane Rosenberg, Anna Shapiro, and Ida Temko.



Oil paintings and needle work by the residents were prize-winning entries in the fair exhibit.

- **THANKSGIVING WAS CELEBRATED WITH A WINNING ECUMENICAL PROGRAM.** Residents, volunteers, and staff shared a beautiful service of thanks on Wednesday, November 27. Participating in the service were Sam Jacobson, Rev. Robert Fiedler, the Activity Department staff, residents Virginia Brown, Virginia Popper, Helene Baruch, Jane Rosenberg, Mary Ellen Capper, and volunteers Mary Nell Jackson and Edna Temples.

A pair of M & M's from the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club were a part of the delightful treat at the Halloween party.



Below: The children from Temple Emanuel Pre-School, Winston-Salem, prepare to sing Shabbat songs for the residents. Amy Ehrens, pre-school teacher, is in the background.

- **TEMPLE EMANUEL PRE-SCHOOL WINS THE HEARTS OF RESIDENTS.** Residents celebrate Shabbat early when the 3- and 4-year-olds arrive from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem bringing with them Shabbat blessings, songs, and smiling faces. The energetic singing of Hebrew and English songs bridged the generation gap when residents joined in on familiar tunes and prayers.



- **STARMOUNT COUNTRY CLUB LUNCHEONS ARE ALWAYS A WINNING TREAT** for BJH and Fair Oaks residents. Greensboro volunteers and BJH family members sponsor the monthly luncheons featuring friendship, fried chicken plus all the fixins, and lots of fun. New volunteers and sponsors are welcome to participate or contribute. Call Polly Strasser in Greensboro at 919/852-3373.





Above: Greensboro volunteer Sara Lee Saperstein welcomes Jane Rosenberg to the luncheon at Starmount Country Club. Left: Virginia Popper receives assistance from volunteer Josi Swirin.
Below: Greensboro volunteers Polly Strasser and Bill Swirin escort residents to the BJH bus after lunch at the club. Pictured are Lily Marx, Syd Kastel and Martha Mayer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY
Eleanor Altshuller
Helen Bloch
Mary Ellen Capper
Ethel Dickson
Rae Glickman
Solomon Greenberg
Anna Levine
Fannie Shandolow
Danford Shoaf
Leila Tedford
Pearl Yachnin

FEBRUARY
Pauline Berdy
Virginia Brown
Violet Durham
Ida Feinberg
Miriam Gingold
Marguerite Hughes
Eileen Jacobs
Lillian Kamens
Frances Linville
Bertha Marrus
Lilly Marx
Josephine Miller
Alise Panders
Salomon Sabbah
Clara Steiner
Eva Wagoner

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



MICHAEL SMITH
Dietary, Stock Clerk
October, 1991

Michael Smith celebrates his one-year anniversary with BJH on January 11, 1991. Wayne Dieser, Director of Dining Services, says that this has been a year of progress for Mike in his position as Stockroom Clerk in the Dietary Department and a year in which the Home has benefited from his positive work ethic and his dedication to the job. Mike receives and maintains the vast inventory of food supplies and, in addition, can be seen delivering food carts to the dining room. "We thought we could never replace our former Stock Clerk, but Mike has done that and more. He is truly an asset to BJH," says Wayne.

Surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Mike was very pleased and says that he enjoys working with the Dietary Department, that it is a team that works well together and works hard putting out 500-600 meals in a day's time. "BJH is a great place to work," says Mike. "It's not just a nursing facility, it's a home and elderly people live here. My favorite part of the job is being around the residents. That's the fun of working here. I have made lots of friends. The residents have so much they can teach if you take the time to listen. After all, they are the reasons we are here."

Mike Smith has lived in Winston-Salem all his life and has three grown children — Vanessa, Bryan and Penelope. An avid reader, Mike says that he enjoys going to the library and reading two or three books a week, playing cards and doing crossword puzzles in his leisure time. Enjoying his workplace, too, Mike says, "The Blumenthal Jewish Home is a very special place because there is lots of interaction between the people who work here and the people who live here."

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to present this honor to Michael Smith, an employee who is a part of that special BJH interaction.



CINDY BREWER
Laundry
November, 1991

"I love the way the residents' faces light up when I return their clean clothes to their rooms," says Cindy Brewer in describing part of her job in the BJH laundry. Cindy has been working in the BJH Laundry Department since September, 1988. For the past six months, she has been assigned to the residents' personal laundry, an area that she really enjoys. Her face lights up, too, when she talks about the residents and enthusiastically describes her contact with them. "I love my job here," says Cindy, "and I was surprised to be chosen Employee of the Month. I love the people, everyone is nice, and the work is hard, but I enjoy it. I like to be around people and now I really enjoy associating with the residents. I always take a minute or two to talk to the residents, and if I have time, to talk longer. I have gotten over my own shyness working here at the Home. It has helped me a lot."

A native of West Jefferson, near Shatley Springs, Cindy Brewer, her husband and two children, have lived in Advance for the past seven years. Cindy says she enjoys reading and working crossword puzzles in her free time, usually in the early morning before she wakes her children for school. Marie Doty, Director of Housekeeping & Laundry and Cindy's supervisor, says Cindy is certainly deserving of this honor. "She works hard at a difficult job and always has a pleasant and positive manner. Cindy is a quiet person, and she gets along well with both her fellow employees and with the residents," says Marie.

BJH is pleased to congratulate Cindy Brewer, an employee who lights up our residents' eyes. We are proud to have her on our staff.





Above: Winston-Salem BBYO members Beth Stern, Kacie Miller, David Schneider, and Leigh Miller brought the light of Chanudah to the Home on the fifth night.
Above right: Bea and Moe Mandel share in the delightful pleasure given by Syd Kastel's great granddaughter's visit.
Right: Renee Levy, a new Greensboro volunteer, proudly introduces our newest and youngest volunteer at the Starmount luncheon.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in January and February:

JANUARY

15 Years
Carolyn Bright, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

14 Years
Betty Gentry, *RN, B-2*

13 Years
Sue Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

4 Years
Doris Stroud, *Administration*
Karen Wyatt, *Administration*

3 Years
Deborah Szewczyk, *RN, B-1*
Larry Williams, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

2 Years
James Cline, *Prod. Mgr., Dietary*
Pauline Davis, *Dietary*
Betty Stevenson, *Nsg. Asst., FO*

1 Year
Peggy Kiger, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wg.*
Donna Sims, *RN, A-Wg.*
Mike Smith, *Dietary*
Donna Stillie, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Gina Williams, *Dietary*

FEBRUARY

11 Years
Joan Lennon, *RN, B-1*
Catherine Smith, *Recreation*

5 Years
June Ireland, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

3 Years
Gerri Brown, *Dietary*
Melinda Hartley, *Soc. Services*
Pam Kesler, *RN, A-Wg.*

2 Years
Judy Morris, *RN, B-1*
Judy Redding, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year
Jill Holley, *Dietary*
Hester Sizemore, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wg.*

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Agathe Corbach
Emilie Froehlich
Adolph Marx
Henrietta Meltsner
Janet Wechsler

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

JANUARY

1 New Year's Party with Society Swing Band, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

7 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

8 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

12 Brenner Concert, Doub Family Singers, Bluegrass Music, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

14 Leave for Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:30 a.m.

16 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

17 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

19 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, "Famous People I've Met," Friendship Room, 3 p.m.

20 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.

23 Leave for Friendship Circle, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

26 Brenner Concert, Salem Squares, Square Dancing, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

29 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Scott White, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

FEBRUARY

2 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

4 Homewide Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

9 Brenner Concert, Gerry Rohde, Accordian Player, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

11 Leave for Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:30 a.m.

12 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

14 Valentine's Day Party, Rod Rudkin Swing Band, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

16 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, "Famous People I've Met," Friendship Room, 3 p.m.

17 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Synagogue, 11:00 a.m.

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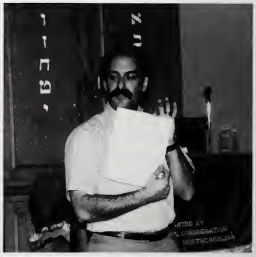
22 Family Shabbat Service with Temple Israel, Charlotte, Synagogue, 9:30 a.m.

23 Brenner Concert, Pam Sanders, Folk Music, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

26 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Scott White, Synagogue, 11 a.m.



Joseph Rosenbaum receives a hand shake while lighting the Chanukah menorah in Fair Oaks with his mother and father, Melanie and Bruce Rosenbaum.



Rabbi Eliezer Havivi from Beth David Synagogue in Greensboro visits for Rabbi's Hour during the week of Chanukah.

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For A
Great Selection Of Gifts



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

The Gray Jewish Challenge

THE GRAY JEWISH CHALLENGE

by Herman Blumenthal
Member, Board of Trustees

More and more you are reading about the graying of America. There were more people over 65 in 1990 than there were in 1980. The "baby boom" of the 1940's and 50's will begin to have an effect on our country within the next 15 years. By the year 2020, approximately 20% of the population will be considered elderly. As the population ages, there will be great challenges for our country in general and, more specifically, the Jewish Community.

One of the Ten Commandments is to "Honor thy mother and father". Jewish people take that Commandment very seriously. We take care of our parents as they took care of us. When it becomes difficult, we look for a facility that will understand our culture and cater to our needs. Where there are Jewish Family Services or Federations, there could be programming directed to the variety of older adults depending upon age and mobility.

With the elderly Jewish population increasing, the Blumenthal Jewish Home is in a unique position to look at the big picture from a two-state perspective. In looking at the big picture a number of questions come to mind.

Are our current facilities adequate and for how long?

What is the most cost-efficient way to build future facilities?

How can the Home more effectively serve both Federated and non-Federated communities?

How is the Jewish community going to raise the necessary funds to serve the increasing needs of the growing population?

Because of their mission, the Home's Board of Trustees will probably consider these tough questions during the next few years. They will need the help of the leadership throughout the two states to develop solutions that are both equitable and reasonable. It is extremely important that you provide your input into this process.

The FAIR OAKS Capital Campaign of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

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Shirley Lynch visits with Fair Oaks residents Rose Golden, her mother, and friend, Rose Schulherr.



BJH resident Mary Cohen shares lunch and a hand shake with volunteer Bill Swirin.

Sunday Sweets

Upper Commons

2:30-4:30, 1st Sunday of the Month

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood
Hostesses

Plan To Attend These 1992 BJH Events

April 17&18, Passover Seders
Fair Oaks Commons

May 5, Greensboro Men's Sports Night
Temple Emanuel, Greensboro

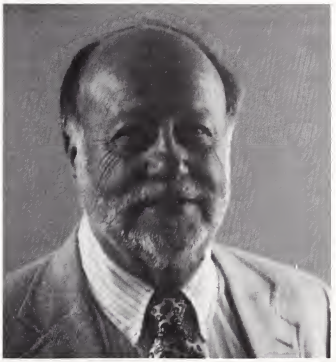
May 10, Parents Day Brunch
Fair Oaks Commons

Blumenthal Jewish Home
ANNUAL REPORT 1990–91

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Ellis Berlin

delivered at the Annual Membership Meeting, October 27, 1991



It is my pleasure to extend to each of you warmest greetings and to welcome you to the 26th Annual Meeting of **your** Blumenthal Jewish Home. This Annual Meeting is a report to you, the members, by the Officers and Board of Directors of your Home covering those operations for the year 1990–1991 just concluded. I refer to the Home as your Home because you are the stockholders in this non-profit organization called the Blumenthal Jewish Home — whether you be paid up members, guests, staff, residents, officers or members of the Board of Trustees this is your Home for the elderly of the Carolinas. For this you should share our sense of pride in completing 26 years of exemplary service and accomplishment.

When I assumed Presidency of your Home last October we had just completed a milestone in our history — 25 years. We had progressed from an A Wing of 44 beds to a B Wing of 90 beds and a beautiful new addition of Fair Oaks with a complement of 50 beds for a grand total of 184 beds. Many of you in this room remember each of these projects and the frustrations of planning and building these structures and the pride and satisfaction in the accomplishment of each project.

Today we are still $2.5 million short on the building fund for Fair Oaks and the renovation of other wings of the Home. One of our prime objectives is to pay down or obtain pledges to pay off this debt in the year 1991–92. Our Development Director, Bruce Schlosberg and Campaign Chairman, Herman Blumenthal will report on this later. Financially the Home had a good year. We ended the year with a surplus of $120,000. This included a grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation of $110,370 and does not include capital expenditures of $100,000. I will report more on the financial condition later in the program.

Each year you have come to annual meetings and been deluged with financial and similar statistical data. The same data has been "hashed" and "rehashed" at our annual Wildacres Retreat. This year at Wildacres we acknowledged that these factors will always be with us. This year we addressed the challenges of the '90's from the other operations of your Home. We examined our Mission statement and our Philosophy in the operation of the Home. One of the subjects covered was the residents' dilemma: Is anybody out there?, Does anybody care?, Does anybody see what I see?. We can answer those questions for you. Your Blumenthal Jewish Home is there for you!

Our program chairman has allotted me seven minutes for my report. How can I tell you all the wonderful things that your dedicated staff, officers and directors accomplished during 1990–91. When you approach your Blumenthal Home you see beautiful grounds and well maintained exterior buildings. Upon closer examination we realize that bricks and mortar do not alone provide an enhancing life care center for our elders. Our staff, under the direction of Don Morris and Lynda Edmondson provides the life blood needed to make the system work.

We have a nursing staff, pharmacy and aides that work 24 hour shifts, a full time physician, Dr. Sugg and two part time physicians. We have volunteer podiatrists and dentists.

Presidents report con't.

We provide a craft shop for the residents and one of our residents won a first place ribbon at the recent Dixie Classic Fair. Through the supervision of our activities staff and the great help of volunteers we provide outside shopping and entertainment visits. I attended a volunteer recognition luncheon this year and was amazed at the activities that Sue Clein has been able to organize, including birthday parties at the Home and monthly luncheons by Greensboro volunteers at Starmount Country Club. One evening on a visit to the Home I heard a local physician calling Bingo numbers. The Kiwanis Club from Clemmons and West Forsyth High School provide volunteers. I could go on and on but my seven minutes are eroding.

Another staff function is the front office and business office headed by our Comptroller, Lydia Sparrow. Many times at the end of the month she has to juggle funds to meet payroll and pay bills, particularly when North Carolina Medicaid payments are late.

Bonnie Ayers keeps our employment and benefits going.

Would you believe our Dietary Department, under the guidance of Wayne Dieser, served 220,841 kosher meals during the past year? How would you like to cook for Jewish mothers and bubbies who were, in their time, the best cooks in their town?

We receive financial and caring support from community activities such as Al Herman's Greensboro Mensch Night, the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men Remembrance Fund and Annual Meeting Raffle, the Federations, the Gift Shop (which incidentally is now open), the Home Store in Charlotte and your membership contributions.

We receive spiritual inspiration from visiting rabbis and Sam Jacobson leads religious services for holidays and Shabbat for our Jewish residents. Visiting ministers provide religious counseling for our non-Jewish residents.

We receive many letters of commendation from relatives and friends of loved ones about how our Social Services and Admissions personnel provided care, consolation, advice and assistance in difficult times.

The support services of Housekeeping, Laundry and Maintenance add to the complement of personnel that breathes life into the bricks and mortar of your Home.

Last but not least I want to thank our officers and directors for their time and effort. These people travel long distances to attend meetings that last from four to five hours an evening to make policies and solve problems for your Home! Don Morris and Lynda Edmondson will report to you later but they are the management that affect the warm spirit of our Home. I know they will not mind my stealing a little of their thunder to report that because of every Blumenthal Jewish Home staff member's attention to the requirements of their job the Home received a deficiency-free survey by the state of North Carolina. This is a major accomplishment. So often we overlook the many people working together to maintain the best Jewish life care center for the elderly in North Carolina — your Blumenthal Jewish Home. On your visit today why not stop by and thank the staff for being there! The nursing home residents' dilemma has been stated as: Is anybody out there?, Does anybody care?, Does anybody see what I see?. Yes, we do at your Blumenthal Jewish Home. We are there for you and we care!



Herman Blumenthal receives a standing ovation at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Blumenthal was recognized by the membership as a life member of the Board of Trustees.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Donald J. Morris



The Blumenthal Jewish Home, situated in Clemmons, North Carolina is the only not-for-profit Jewish Home for the aged in the country not situated in an easily recognized metropolitan area. We are, in fact, the only Jewish Home in a rural setting and, as a wonderful aside, have the ambiance of sheep, cattle and horses grazing along our tree-lined entrance. We are serving the largest catchment area with the smallest Jewish population density (.3%) of any Jewish Home in the country.

In the early 1960's the Home's founding fathers commissioned a study that determined that the Carolinas could not support a Jewish Home for the aged. The study, however, failed to recognize several factors that have been integral to the Home's success: the insight, resolve, and sensitivity of the Jewish community and their leadership in the Carolinas. The Home did not spontaneously materialize. It evolved from the collective conscience of an enlightened, caring community that desired and demanded an enriched and dignified living alternative for their aged parents. And they were successful.

The state of healthcare today, and in particular long-term care, is highly volatile. The Carolinas are no exception; however, we have an important asset that distinguishes us from other communities — the resourcefulness and resolve of our community.

It remains a privilege for me to be associated with the Home and reflect with a sense of pride how our community has responded to the exceptional challenges presented. It is the resolve and resourcefulness of our community and its leadership that will enable the Blumenthal Jewish Home to continue to provide an enriched and dignified living alternative for our aged parents.



Lynda Edmondson, Administrator, presents her report at the Annual Meeting, highlighting the deficiency-free survey received by the Home.



Hugo Rosenberger announced that the CAJWM raffle netted $7,500 for the Home.



Elizabeth Small presented the Home with a gift of a check for $11,000 from the Home Store in Charlotte.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME OCTOBER 27, 1991

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 27, 1991.

President Ellis Berlin called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

The invocation was given by Lewis Eisenstadt.

President Berlin presented his Annual Report.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on October 28, 1990 and distributed in the Annual Report of 1990 were approved.

The Financial Report was presented by Ellis Berlin. This past year, there were 62,907 resident days with an average census of 173. Operating revenue was $5,482,310, operating expense $5,513,362, operating margin before debt service ($31,052), bond interest expense $238,759, non-operating revenue $389,930, with an excess revenue over expenditures of $120,119. The following contributed to revenue as listed:

Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men	$27,168
Membership Dues	27,674
Gift Shop and Home Store	14,500
Interest on Operating Funds	10,393
Federation Donations	199,825
Interest From Operating Accounts	10,393
Matching Grant Winston-Salem Foundation	110,370

A motion was made that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

The Investment Report was presented by Leonard Guyes. As of September 30, 1991 the Endowment Fund had a value of $1,999,328.00, an approximate gain of $418,000 from last year.

Audrey Madans presented the Membership Report. This year 7,749 prospective members were contacted at a total cost of $3,069.79. The results are 805 annual members which is an increase of 131 over last year. Our Life members remain at 622. Our goal of $25,000 was surpassed by $2,674 bringing the amount to $27,674.

Herman Blumenthal reported that we have raised over $5,500,000 toward our Capital Campaign with an additional $3,000,000 needed. Mr. Blumenthal introduced the Home's new Development Director, Bruce Schlosberg.

Mr. Schlosberg reported that he is striving to develop relationships on behalf of the Home with the communities we serve. He further reported that he alone would not be successful at raising funds for the Home but that fund raising is done through people who know people. A letter will be mailed soon offering individuals an opportunity to make end of year contributions and outlining other ways available to contribute to the Home.

Sandy Deckelbaum, on behalf of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men, presented a check to Ellis Berlin in the amount of $5,000.

Ellis Berlin presented the Gift Shop gift of $2,500.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store gift of $11,000.

Sandy Deckelbaum presented the Remembrance Fund gift of $7,000.

Don Morris, Executive Vice President, reported that there is something special about Blumenthal Jewish Home. The Home consists of fine people with a sense of ownership which makes the organization work well.

Mr. Morris reported that no other Home in North Carolina has been reviewed as favorably by the State as Blumenthal Jewish Home. The quality of care given at the Home resulting in a deficiency-free survey does not happen overnight.

A request was made by Mr. Morris that the membership open the lines of communication with community Federations and relay the message that the Home offers an enriched and dignified living alternative for the aging. We need all of the community support available.

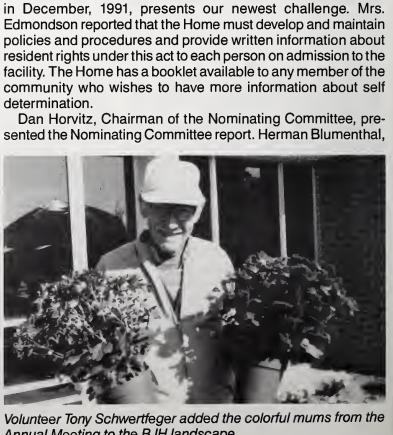
Mr. Morris related that a local surgeon volunteers on Wednesday nights to call Bingo at the Home. In the past few months he has gotten to know one particular resident well. Upon learning recently that this resident had been hospitalized he went to visit immediately after his volunteer service was completed. This is the calibre of individuals that make up Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Lynda Edmondson, Administrator, reported that the Home has experienced a busy year. There have been sweeping changes in regulations governing long term care. Many new regulations require an inordinate amount of paperwork which takes time away from the delivery of services. Staff members have been very gracious in taking on new duties. Our deficiency-free survey in July attests to the fact that they have kept informed of the changing requirements and have done an excellent job in meeting each new challenge.

Mrs. Edmondson recognized attending department heads and encouraged any member to contact them whenever questions or concerns arise.

The Patient Self Determination Act which becomes effective in December, 1991, presents our newest challenge. Mrs. Edmondson reported that the Home must develop and maintain policies and procedures and provide written information about resident rights under this act to each person on admission to the facility. The Home has a booklet available to any member of the community who wishes to have more information about self determination.

Dan Horvitz, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee report. Herman Blumenthal,



Volunteer Tony Schwertfeger added the colorful mums from the Annual Meeting to the BJH landscape.

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who has been a Board member for a number of years, has always been concerned with the residents and quality of care provided by the Home. For his leadership and contribution to the Home the Nominating Committee presented Mr. Blumenthal to the membership for recognition as a life member of the Board of Trustees. The following were nominated for three-year terms as members of the Board of Trustees:

Herman Blumenthal	Audrey Madans
Sandra Deckelbaum	Walter Marx
Dr. Carl Hoffman	David Rosenblutt
Bert Lynch	Howard Silverstein
Dallas Mackey	Ron Weiner

There being no nominations from the floor, the above nominees were elected.

Retiring Board members Barry Blick, Morton Lerner, and Barry Leshin were thanked for their contributions to the Home.

Sandi Rothman and Hugo Rosenberger distributed door prizes and five $1000 checks to the CAJWM raffle winners. Mr. Rosenberger announced that the raffle had netted $7,500 for the Home.

Memorials were read by Sam Jacobson.

The Benediction was given by Sam Jacobson.

The meeting was adjourned with the election by the Board of Trustees of officers of the Home to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Epstein, Secretary

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Board of Trustees. They are:

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BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
GENERAL FUND
UNAUDITED

	FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED September 30, 1991		FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED September 30, 1990	
	Amount	**PPD**	**Amount**	**PPD**
Operating Revenue				
Resident Fees ICF/SNF (Net of Contractual Allowances)	$4,088,641	$86.98	$3,878,508	$82.66
Ancillary Services	387,310	6.16	367,845	6.03
Miscellaneous Revenue	34,565	0.55	43,940	0.72
PCU (Net of Contractual Allowances)	911,638	57.33	680,127	48.37
Additional Ancillary	57,947	0.92	55,345	0.91
Total Operating Revenue	5,480,101	87.11	5,025,765	82.41
Operating Expenses				
Nursing Services	2,340,566	37.21	2,102,292	34.47
Ancillary Services	398,682	6.34	365,261	5.99
Resident Services	160,350	2.55	153,203	2.51
Dietary	970,294	15.42	894,535	14.67
General Services	932,704	14.83	917,097	15.04
Administrative Services (a)	1,098,443	17.46	1,037,657	17.02
Total Operating Expense	5,901,039	93.81	5,470,045	89.70
Operating Margin Before Debt Serv.	(420,938)	(6.69)	(444,280)	(7.29)
Bond Interest Expense	238,759	3.80	333,673	5.47
Non-Operating Revenue				
CAJWM and Sisterhood Donations	11,325	0.18	14,925	0.24
Membership Contributions	27,674	0.44	25,084	0.41
Gift Shop/Home Store	14,500	0.23	16,000	0.26
Federation Contributions	199,825	3.18	193,650	3.18
Interest from Operating Accounts	10,465	0.17	6,534	0.11
Donations	15,843	0.25	20,893	0.34
Matching Grant W-S Foundation	110,370	1.75		
Total Non-Operating Revenue	390,002	6.20	277,086	4.54
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	($ 269,695)	($ 4.29)	($ 500,867)	($ 8.21)

(a) Includes Depreciation Expense

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Editorials

Anti-Defamation League's Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents

Anti-Semitic incidents in the United States during 1991 rose to a record total of 1,879, according to a nationwide survey conducted by the Anti-Defamation League. This figure represents the highest level of anti-Jewish acts in the 13-year history of the League's annual "Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents," and represents an 11 percent increase over 1990.

"The total number of anti-Semitic incidents in North Carolina increased from 6 to 8," declared Ira Gissen, ADL director for North Carolina and Virginia. "North Carolina followed the national trend."

Nationally, for the first time there were more attacks on Jewish individuals than against their property, with 950 incidents of anti-Semitic harassment, threats and physical assault reported as compared to 929 acts of vandalism. Physical assaults, 60 in all—double the 1990 figure—included the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum, the 29-year-old Jewish scholar stabbed last summer in the Crown Heights riot in New York City.

Last year saw the greatest number of serious anti-Semitic crimes of vandalism. The survey reports 49 episodes of arson, bombing and cemetery desecration, a 29 percent jump over the previous year and a nearly 200 percent rise over a five-year period. The report provided a detailed picture of the widespread damage and injury caused by the Crown Heights rampage, which the ADL Audit described as "the most dramatic and disturbing anti-Semitic outburst seen in the United States in many years."

A further alarming trend was the increase of anti-Jewish incidents reported on college campuses for the fourth straight year. There were 101 anti-Semitic incidents reported at 60 colleges in 1991, with 23 institutions reporting more than one occurrence. In 1990, 11 campuses had reported multiple episodes. Some of the more dramatic campus incidents include the theft of 52 Mezuzas—Jewish religious symbols—from the doorposts of dormitory rooms at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City; the defacing with swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti of a Sukkah—a ceremonial hut to celebrate the Jewish harvest holiday—at Cal State Northridge in the Los Angeles area; and the harassment of Christian student actors at Ball State University in Indiana, who were appearing in a play about the Holocaust and publicly wore yellow Stars of David to deepen their sensitivity.

The survey, compiled by the Research Department of ADL's Civil Rights Division, reflects data from 42 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands, as reported to ADL's 30 regional offices by victims, community leaders and law enforcement officials.

On a positive note, the report indicates that anti-Jewish incidents by neo-Nazi Skinheads are down significantly. ADL attributes this to effective law enforcement action at federal, state and local levels against Skinhead activity, which sent a "firm clear message to such gangs that their criminal behavior will not be tolerated." Of the 56 Skinhead-related incidents, 30 were vandalism including an arson of a Jewish-owned business, and 26 were harassment or threats directed at Jews and their institutions. The report cautioned, however, that such Skinhead gangs remained active around the country, capable of vicious, spontaneous violence targeting Jews and other minorities.

Another significant development cited in the report is the $1.8 million judgement in favor of a Jewish woman, her husband and their daughter in a Chicago lawsuit resulting from relentless anti-Semitic harassment by a woman neighbor and her son. The suit charged the neighbors with a pattern of harassing conduct during 1984-85 that included repeated anti-Jewish statements, white supremacist slogans and threats of physical violence.

The vastly increased level of harassment and assault incidents in recent years, the report states, may signal a change in the tactics of many individuals wishing to express anti-Jewish hostility. There appears to be a new willingness to engage in direct, provocative confrontation with Jews, reflecting an erosion of the taboo against such open bigotry, according to the League. "No where is it reflected more clearly or disturbingly," the report states, "than in the proliferation of bigotry and violence in the lyrics of some of the best-selling popular music of the day."

The League reports that on a state-by-state basis, New York leads the country with 254 vandalism incidents, up 68, followed by California with 124 and New Jersey with 102, both down five. Next are Massachusetts, 68; Pennsylvania, 49, up five; Florida, 43, down 22; Maryland 41, down 15; Illinois 27, down six; Texas 24, up 19; Connecticut 21, up five, followed by Michigan with 20, up four; Colorado 17, down 18; and Ohio 17, down six.

States with fewer incidents include Georgia 14, up five; Louisiana 13, up eight; New Mexico 11, down four; Virginia 9, down six; Minnesota 8, down 19, and Tennessee 6, up two. The 19 remaining states reported five or less incidents.

The overall picture contains some positive elements as well. For example, 49 states and the District of Columbia now have statutes dealing with hate crimes, many patterned after ADL's model legislation. Numerous states and localities are striving to improve communication between the community and law enforcement authorities, and the new federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act has been put into operation, with ADL providing training assistance for law enforcement around the nation at the FBI's request. Such assistance includes ADL's Security Handbook for Community Institutions and the ADL Training Video for Police, dealing with hate crimes.

From the Associate Editor



Pope John Paul II greets Rabbi Arthur Schneier at the Vatican, Jan. 8, 1992.

The Vatican is a tiny state on the map, and the Pope is only one voice, but he speaks to 952 million Roman Catholics throughout the world, and his words carry the weight of his influence.

Although the State of Israel was recognized by the Vatican shortly after the establishment of Israel in 1948, the two nations have yet to exchange ambassadors. Diplomatic relations between the two have been delayed for a variety of reasons, with speculation as to any resolution. It has been believed that one obstacle is the desire of Pope John Paul II to make an international city of Jerusalem. It seems that fear of a future Israeli government controlled by a party of the extreme right wing might jeopardize safe access for Christians to their holy sites.

The question of a Palestinian homeland, favored by the Pope, has also been an obstacle. Whatever the reasons or excuses may have been, there appears to be a change in the international climate, probably due to the current process of Middle East peace talks.

In early January of this year, Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, met with Pope John Paul II in the Vatican. Rabbi Schneier reported he had found a "new and positive climate toward Israel."

He had the impression that an improvement of relations between the Vatican and Israel would develop soon, and he noted that five years ago, the Vatican ordered New York's John Cardinal O'Connor to hold no formal meetings with Israeli officials. Now, Rabbi Schneier has been told by the Cardinal that he had recently held cordial meetings with Israel's top officials. Recently Cardinal O'Connor told more than 60 Jewish leaders that in late December he had visited Israel, Syria, Egypt and Jordan. He said he spoke with leaders of those countries about diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel.

Thirty nations have endorsed the efforts of the Middle East peace process, and the support of the Vatican with the possibility of the Pope's personal support would lend encouragement to an ultimate resolution.

Rabbi Schneier and John Cardinal O'Connor are optimistic about the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican. Perhaps an unconditional guarantee by Israel of Christian access to all holy sites in Jerusalem and all of Israel will remove that stumbling block.

What some feared might be forever impossible now may be imminent in the "new world order," as welcome as it was unexpected. Great caution and clear understanding must be achieved, but in view of the miracles in our time, another in the form of Justice and friendship from Rome is conceivable.

Estelle Hoffman

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Purim 5752

by Estelle Hoffman

This year Purim occurs on March 19, which is the 14th day of the month of Adar; the second Adar, that is, because this year is a leap year, when an extra month is added to the Jewish calendar. The Megillah (The Book of Esther) will be read on the evening of the 18th and again the morning of the 19th.

The story of Purim, as told in the Book of Esther in the Bible, celebrates the triumph of the Jewish community of Persia over the wicked prime minister Haman in his plot to slaughter all of the Jews.

We know the story. Esther became Queen, favored wife of Ahasuerus, without revealing her Jewish identity. She succeeded Queen Vashti when Vashti refused to display herself at the King's request. When Esther's relative, Mordechai, learned of the efforts of the wicked Haman, she was persuaded to appeal to the King. The result was the salvation of the Jews, the punishment of Haman, and the reprisal of the Jews upon the anti-Semitic mobsters in the capital city of Shushan.

Modern scholarship lends interesting, new theories about Purim. There was a springtime feast of revelry to welcome the arrival of spring that was traditional in Persia and in other areas in the ancient world. Some scholars suggest that the Scroll of Esther was written after the period of Jews in Persia, as a historical novel about the Jews under Hellenistic rule.

The inclination to join in celebrating the end of winter would surely have been great, and combining the merriment with triumph over an impending disaster presented an opportunity to create a joyous tradition.

Arthur Waskow, in *Seasons of our Joy,* writes that the Scroll of Esther "seems so clearly a literary joke: a mobilization of hilarity and humor to cure the soul of fear and to shatter the pompous pretensions of all tyranny. The story is, indeed, the intertwining of two jokes. In one of them, Haman's efforts to impale Mordechai, destroy the Jews, and elevate himself are rewarded with precise irony: Haman himself is impaled, his own party is massacred, and Mordechai and all the Jews are elevated to great power and honor.

"The other joke is very similar in structure, though sketched in ink less bloody: King Ahasuerus gets the whole story going by deposing Queen Vashti—so that he and all other husbands will never again have to take orders from their wives. He ends the tale by taking orders precisely from his wife—the new Queen Esther. As Haman's murderous anti-Semitism carries him to his own stultification. The joke is on the tyrant."

Another interesting thought about the Book of Esther: the name of God is not mentioned. Esther and Song of Songs are the only books in the Bible without reference to God. In the story of Esther, although the Jews gathered and donned sack cloth, it may be inferred that they appealed to God, but His name is not mentioned. The omission is notable. Perhaps because the mood of the story is light-hearted, its author deemed the inclusion of God improper.

Jews grasped the story as an occasion for merriment in medieval Europe, adopting the carnival of spring celebrated as Mardi Gras by the Christians, by enactment of theatrical events and masquerades. The Purimshpiel became a custom which parodied the story of Purim, and all rules were relaxed.

In Israel today, Purim is celebrated with abandon, by parades and festivities which exclude tension and concern of daily life. In America, Jews gather in synagogues to read the Megillah. Children come and carry noisemakers to drown out the sound of Haman's name in the reading.

Tzedakah (charity), is given, and gifts of food delicacies, especially *Hamantaschen* are customary. Purim songs are funny, and hilarity is encouraged. The feminist theme can be emphasized in observing this holiday, in which Esther played the leading role. We should not ignore this happy tradition amongst the solemnity which dominates much of Jewish history.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Chickpeas for Purim*

1 20-oz. can chickpeas
Salt to taste
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Place the chickpeas with the liquid from the can in a saucepan. Simmer a few minutes, until heated through. Drain the water. Sprinkle with salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Serve in a dish with toothpicks, or eat the chickpeas as you would sunflower seeds or peanuts.

From *Jewish Holiday Kitchen* by Joan Nathan.

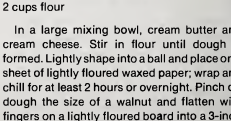
Chickpea Salad*

1 cup dried chickpeas
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 tsp. crushed garlic
3/4 cup chopped parsley
2 Tbsp. chopped mint leaves
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup olive oil
Salt to taste

Pick over peas and discard any stones. Place in colander and rinse thoroughly. Soak in water to cover overnight. Drain, rinse again, place in saucepan and cover with fresh cold water. Bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer, covered, until peas are tender but not mushy, about one hour. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup cooking liquid. Combine garlic, onion, parsley, mint, lemon juice, oil, reserved cooking liquid and salt in wide bowl. Add drained peas or beans, toss well and chill. Yields 8 servings.

From *Post & Opinion,* Indianapolis, Ind., January 1992.

*Chickpeas are traditional for Purim.



Hamantaschen Cream Cheese Dough

1/2 lb. butter or margarine
6 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 cups flour

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and cream cheese. Stir in flour until dough is formed. Lightly shape into a ball and place on a sheet of lightly floured waxed paper; wrap and chill for at least 2 hours or overnight. Pinch off dough the size of a walnut and flatten with fingers on a lightly floured board into a 3-inch round. Or roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thickness and cut into circles, rerolling the trimmings. Place a rounded teaspoon of filling in the center; pinch sides together to form a closed triangle over the filling. Bake on greased cookie sheets at 375° for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned (makes 24).

Hamantaschen Low-Fat

2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/3 cup sugar
Grated rind of 1 lemon
2 eggs or egg substitute
2 Tbsp. corn oil

In a mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients. Add lemon rind. Put the eggs in the center of the dry ingredients with the oil; mix all together. Knead lightly till smooth. Roll out on lightly floured board to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into 3-inch circles. Place a rounded teaspoon of filling in the center of each round; pinch the edges together tightly to form a closed triangle over the filling. Place on a no-stick sprayed cookie sheet and bake in a 350° oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Prune Filling

8-10 oz. prunes
1/2 cup raisins
2 Tbsp. grated orange rind
1/4 cup chopped nuts, optional
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup water

Cook prunes and raisins in orange juice and water until fruit is tender. Drain; chop fine by hand or in a processor. Stir in nuts and sugar to taste, if desired. Cool.

Apricot Filling

1 lb. dried apricots
3 cups water
2-1/2 cups sugar
1 tsp. grated lemon rind

Cook apricots with water over low heat until very soft, adding more water if necessary. Add sugar and heat until fruit comes to a boil. Stir in lemon rind. Cool.

Poppy Seed Filling

1 cup milk
1 cup poppy seeds
2 Tbsp. butter
1/4 cup raisins
2 Tbsp. honey
1/4 cup sugar
2 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon rind

Bring milk, poppy seeds and butter to a boil. Reduce heat; add remaining ingredients, simmer until milk is absorbed. Cool.

Quick Fillings

Apricot preserves, thick jams or a canned filling
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 to 2 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon rind

Add raisins, nuts, juice and rind to preserves; stir well.

From *Jewish World,* Long Island, N.Y., March 1989.



The Whole Megillah

by Bubbles the Clown (Bev Katowitz)

A long time ago in Persia Land, lived King Ahasuerus and he was grand.
He had a Queen named Vashti, you see; Told his men bring Vashti to me.
Vashti said get out of here! "It's my night to wash my hair."
The King was ticked, Vashti let him down. Told his men get back her crown.
Go on down to Shushan town and find me a Queen, 'cause I wanna get down.
In Shushan town the word was out, The King needs a new Queen they began to shout.
Mordecai said, "Hey listen here, my cousin Esther, now that's a fine babe there."
Mordecai told Esther do what I say, and you can bet you'll be the Queen one day.
But, whatever you do, don't tell anyone you're a Jew.
The King saw Esther, his eyes popped out. Said, "She's the Queen for me, there ain't no doubt."
Now Mordecai would pass by the palace everyday, just to make sure Esther was ok.
Haman who was the King's main man, would stand outside the palace, 'cause he thought he was grand.
People would bow to Haman and pray but, Mordecai said, "Ain't no way!
I'm a Jew and here's the score, I got one God, don't need no more."
Haman said, "I don't dig that Jew. I'll get rid of him and all the Jews too."
The word got out of Haman's plan. Mordecai told Esther to make a stand.
Go to the King and tell him the score, or there won't be no Jews no more.
The King said, "Esther, I love you so. That dude Haman has got to go."
Haman was hung, instead of the Jews; And now you know why we celebrate this news.
Now I ask you my friends, "Wasn't that a thriller? 'Cause now you know the whole Megillah."

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Often I am asked what it was like to have grown up in a small North Carolina town. A town of less than 5,000 with just two other Jewish families and fifty miles away from the nearest synagogue. The question is usually asked in a tone of "you poor deprived kid" or "and wasn't it terrible?" Quite the contrary. Now that I have lived at least half of the average male lifespan, I must say that if I feel anywhere near sadness, I must feel it toward those who were not able to live in my little *shtetl* in the mountains.

The Schulmans, The Lessings and The Karps were the three Jewish families in Sylva. We all lived in houses on Jackson and Maple Streets within fifty or so yards from each other. I understand that there were earlier Jewish merchants and families in Sylva prior to or during the times when our three families came to Sylva, approximately 1925-1945. I remember hearing the last names: Ruben, Goodman, Simon and others as I grew up, but it appears that none stayed as long or tried to become as integral a part of the community as we all had been. I am using the term our three families because though we were not blood-related, as they say in the mountains, we were as close or closer than any families I have ever observed. When any one of these families got the news of arriving relatives or guests, the other two families geared into social action.

"Sol, my mother would say, "Hymie and Sylvia are coming from New York next week (relatives of the Lessings). We've got to get to Aaron's (Schandler's Pickle Barrel in Asheville) and get some pickled herring, some lox and bagels. I'll call Sophia (Lessing) and see what night they can come over. You can set up a poker game in the kitchen."

Our visitors theirs, and theirs ours. Our *simchas,* our *tsouris,* their *simchas,* their *tsouris,* too. Those were the days when not only were doors not locked, they were always swinging wide open. Though we all had very different minds, we had one heart, one soul.

Mr. and Mrs. Karp were Uncle Dave and Aunt Rebecca; Mr. and Mrs. Lessing were Uncle Ben and Aunt Sophia. Aunt Sophia and her daughter, Susan, and family, my father and my brother, Herbert, and his family still live in the area. My father, Sol Schulman, is almost 80 and still runs his clothing store in Sylva. However, he is the only one that still lives in one of those same three houses. If I try real hard, through that fog we call reality, I can still see our families: living, working, dying on Jackson and Maple Streets.

I can vault myself back through time and see Rachael Karp (the older woman in my life when she was about 18 and I about 8 or so) bringing home her beau, an airman I believe, who was so strong he picked me up with one hand and threw me high into the sky. When she brought home her fiance, Jack Rosenberg, to introduce him to all of us, she told Jack that I was still one of her favorite *fellers.* I wouldn't totally lose her!

I see Uncle Dave Karp coming up on our screened-in porch one Sunday night after returning from an Atlanta hospital. He broke down in a flood of tears when he told dad and mom that the doctors had told him he was going to lose Aunt Rebecca to cancer. He appeared embarassed to cry in front of me. It only made me love him more. It was a time to cry. A time for all of us to cry.

Our three families were a microcosm of Judaism. My family was Conservative, the Lessings, Orthodox, and the Karps, Reform, if we had to choose. But we didn't. We just loved each other and knew we were Jews spending our lives together.

Uncle Ben Lessing was very learned. His name had been Leshanonsky or something like that when he came over from Europe. He helped me with my Bar Mitzvah studies when Rabbi Gelberman in Asheville became afflicted with tuberculosis. Dad had the Rabbi teach me each Wednesday night on the telephone, no less. He from his hospital bed, I from my side porch. I often wondered what our neighbor, Mrs. Long, might have thought when she heard me singing my Haftorah on the phone through the black night air. The Rabbi triumphantly returned to the Asheville congregation the night of my Bar Mitzvah. It sure enhanced the turnout for this kid from "way out there in



Birthday Party, October 1960. (L. to R.): David Schulman, Sol Schulman, Lillian Schulman, Sophia Lessing, Susan Lessing, Ben Lessing, Jerry Karp, Rebecca Karp, David Karp.

Sylva."

The Christian community treated us not with disdain but almost as celebrities. If any church had questions when they studied Judaism, they would come to one of our families for the answer. As I got older this made me a little uncomfortable because I knew I did not have all the right answers. I did not want to lead these concerned people astray. It was their questions that prompted me to ask my own questions and look up what I did not know. Their perspective brought up things that I might not have ever thought of if not for them. Certainly there were statements made by a very few of what I call benignly ignorant people. They just didn't know, had never been exposed to a Jewish person before, in some cases. This, by far, was a less invasive anti-Semitism than what I have now felt in some less provincial cities where very intelligent, well-read people evoke dangerous subtle hatred. Some of the very same kids, and there were not many of these, that may have called me "damn Jew" gradually saw me as a fellow human being with the same human flaws as they had. If they didn't like me, it was at least not just because I was Jewish.

I think being a Jewish merchant in Sylva made a lot of difference. We were near Western Carolina University and so our customers ranged from professors to farmers. We were a part of their cares and concerns, even knew about internal church squabblings and occasional preacher dalliances. This never assimilated us into Christianity but made us feel accepted as equals that had a different way to pray to the same God, albeit a very strange way to many.

As the years passed, our little *shtetl* started to crumble. Rachael Karp had married and moved to Atlanta. Her brother, Jerry, also moved to Atlanta with Uncle Dave when Aunt Rebecca died. I remember dad coming home at 2 a.m. one morning after being at the Sylva Hospital. Uncle Ben had had a massive heart attack. Dad said he could see the doctors unsuccessfully trying to electronically get Uncle Ben's heart pumping again as the door to his room was half open. He was shaken as if someone had sneaked up on dad and took a sharp pickax to his own heart. Sylva without Uncle Ben was almost inconceivable.

Uncle Dave, who used to call me "Dovidal," died suddenly in Atlanta. Never again would all of us hold our stomachs in joyous laughter upon seeing or hearing some of Uncle Dave's little quirky habits—like when Uncle Dave would think up some brilliant excuse to get the waitress at a restaurant to let him take a peak in the kitchen before we would order our food. We knew we were in for a wild adventure when Uncle Dave would return to the table and say, "Oy Vey."

My mother was not able to leave Sylva on her own or quickly. She was a Parkinson's and Alzheimer's victim. She died in 1981 after many years in a nursing home in Asheville. The days of mom's *Koshering* our own meat in the basement were over. The days of changing the kitchen over at Passover with Mary, our wonderful maid and family member, working hard with mom's washing the stored dishes were gone. Gone but not forgotten.

C.S. Lewis, noted author and theologian, writes about how true joy may only be felt in fleeting moments. Sometimes I feel like a Johnny Appleseed of words traveling this life with a long stick and a big sack tied to it, balanced on my shoulders—the sack full of hundreds of small portions of joy from Jackson and Maple Streets, where I grew up as Jewish as anyone, even if I did privately mix my grits with my lox.

Author's Note: Mrs. Sophia Lessing passed away in Sylva, Jan. 13, 1992, and was buried in Hendersonville.

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Temples

Temple Emanu-El Myrtle Beach, S.C.

On behalf of Temple Emanu-El, Dorothy Solomon, president of the Sisterhood, extends a welcome to all who wish to visit the synagogue while in Myrtle Beach.

It is often very difficult for newcomers to feel comfortable in a new area; therefore, Dorothy would like to extend an open invitation to join the congregation for worship services as well as to become involved with all we have to offer.

We look forward to meeting you and your families as you spend time at the beach. If you are single, please come and meet other singles! Perhaps you'll like what we can offer and stay!

Ohev Zion Congregation Martinsville, Va.

by Tamara Miller

Ohev Zion congregants participated in an adult education program entitled *The Tallit: Sacred Space.* Twenty-five people gathered into the home of Romaine and Henry Campbell on Jan. 22 to explore the meaning and the traditions behind this time-honored Jewish garment. Our guest presenter, Ruth Gaynes, weaver extraordinaire and owner of SHALOM SHAWLS in Asheville, N.C. explored with the group the spiritual dimensions the *tallit* can provide for Jewish men and women. We gained insight into the actual process of weaving a *tallit* and Ms. Gaynes brought beautiful samples of her lifeworks. We increased our knowledge about the *tallit* and we gained a new respect for this Jewish garment that has identified us as Jews throughout the ages.



(L. to R.) Students Celia Sater, Bernard Becker and Matthew Grayson learn tzizit-knotting from Ruth Gaynes.

During the afternoon mid-week Hebrew class, Ms. Gaynes delighted the students with a hands-on *tzizit*-knotting session. They learned the importance of the fringes and then actually tied them to the prayer shawl. The *tallit* provides a tangible spiritual tie to Judaism.

Tamara Miller, the congregation's lay rabbi, has been accepted to the rabbinical seminary in New York City, The Academy for Jewish Religion. The Academy ordains rabbis for the entire Jewish community in a pluralistic Jewish environment where diversity of Jewish philosophies and traditions are discovered, encouraged and studied.

Temple Beth El V'Shalom Charlotte, N.C.

by Fran Hirschel

It is probably misleading for me to write this column about the events at Temple Beth El V'Shalom this month. That is because by the time you are reading this, our Temple may no longer be called Temple Beth El V'Shalom. That's right—at our congregational meeting on Feb. 23, our members decided whether to change our name or keep it the same. I'll keep you posted.

Our most exciting event this month is the benefit concert given by Cantor Steven Haas on the first of March. Cantor Haas, a former soloist at Temple Beth El V'Shalom, is the Cantor of Temple Beth Shalom in Miami Beach, Fla. His presence is sorely missed by our Temple, and we are delighted to have him back, even if for only a few precious hours. We are indeed grateful to him for performing for our Temple.

Our Purim service last year was a hoot: I'm not going to miss this year's service, which will be on Friday, March 20. Our Purim Carnival will take place on Sunday, March 15. Sisterhood is already making plans for our Passover Seder, which will be at the Park Hotel on Friday, April 17.

In closing, I want to congratulate Amelia Zimmern, Derek Hoffman and Meredith Katz on becoming B'nai Mitzvah. Best wishes to you and your families, and welcome to our community.

Rabbi and Mrs. Robert Seigel Return From Rabbinic Study Mission to Turkey

Rabbi and Mrs. Robert Seigel of Temple Beth El V'Shalom in Charlotte have recently returned from the first Rabbinic Study Mission to Turkey in conjunction with Foundation Tours and the Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul.

The Quincentennial Foundation was founded in 1989 by a group of Turkish citizens, both Jewish and Moslem, to celebrate 500 years of peaceful and harmonious living in Turkish lands of Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. The mission was led by Rabbi and Mrs. Leonard Goldstein of New York.

Rabbi Seigel spoke of his experience on the mission saying, "It was both revealing and inspiring to see a vibrant and vital Jewish community thriving in a country which is 99% Moslem. It is a community thoroughly

integrated into Turkish life, and yet strongly Jewish in every respect. This is a wonderful example of how Jews and Moslems can live together in peace."

Most of Turkey's Jewish community trace their heritage to Spain where, in 1492, the Edict of Expulsion forced the once glorious community to seek refuge in other lands. Welcomed by Sultan Beyazit II, these exiles joined a community rich in Jewish culture and religion, which continues to this day. There are 26,000 Jews in Turkey today, the majority living in Istanbul and Izmir.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

The group met on Jan. 4 at the home of Lester and Muriel Mark and, after a brief worship service, continued the discussion and examination of the bittersweet work of Isaac Bashevis Singer, concentrating on the short story "Old Love."

The topic of the Feb. 1 meeting at the Karpens' in Asheville was "1492—Expulsion of Jews from Spain; 1992—Legacy of Sephardic Jews." Leah Karpen was moderator.

The Sisterhood

A sampling of some of the best cooking in Asheville was there for the eating at the Chanukah covered dish dinner before the family service on Dec. 6. The dinner was coordinated by Helene Fligel and Susan Linn, and to quote Ruth Weber's notes in the Temple bulletin, "There were more youngsters than we have seen in a long time; there were songs and dreidel games and in the Israeli style of Chanukah, jelly doughnuts. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL."

Hilde Hoffman, Sylvia Meyer, Rose Rose, Cathy Shastri and Rabbi Bluming were the heroines and hero of our Chanukah workshop on Dec. 9. Hilde demonstrated cookie painting, and, under the guidance of Irene Braun, paper cutouts and other holiday crafts. Rabbi Bluming told the story of Chanukah, and Sylvia and Rose masterminded refreshments, including latkes by Cathy.

The Brotherhood

John Bridges, world traveler, art, music and literature critic and a tenor soloist for over 25 years, retired librarian, and presently a powerful attraction at the "Tea and Symphony" sessions of the Asheville Symphony Guild at the Asheville Library, was the speaker at the Brotherhood brunch on Jan. 19. He presented an illustrated talk on "Early 20th Century Russian Jewish Painters."

Super-Substitute

In the absence of the Rabbi on the evening of Friday, Jan. 10, services were ably conducted by our expert can-do man Dick Braun.

The Religious School

Phyllis Bluming, school principal, reported in the Temple bulletin that the Chanukah celebration on Dec. 8 was a great success "due to the hard work of our teacher and parent volunteers," and thanked chairpeople Betsy Katell, mother of Leah, and Chris Lang, mother of Sara, Laura and Melissa, who were responsible for the "fabulous 'latke, applesauce and doughnut' party."

She also thanked Mrs. Jean Hansman, Ms. Linda Safferstone and Mrs. Ellen Braverman for creating a craft project which enabled each child to take home a sand "painting in a jar"; Dr. Max Schreiber and Dr. David Katz for overseeing the dreidel game; and gave additional thanks to Dr. Katz for leading Chanukah singing while accompanying the singers on the piano.

Our Plaque Arrives

On Jan. 6, Ms. Lynn Eisenberg of Winston-Salem, a representative of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was the Temple's guest at Shabbat services, and formally presented the Centennial plaque awarded us by the UAHC.

Outside Activities

In the Oct. 1 *Asheville Citizen-Times* it was noted that Anna Friedman was elected treasurer of the Leaf and Petal Garden Club.

Sisterhood President Ruth Weber has been singing with the Asheville Choral Society.

On Jan. 25, Leah Karpen was moderator of a panel discussion held under the aegis of the World Federalist Association of North Carolina.

Evan Gilreath, son of Frank and Ellen Gilreath, was selected to attend a six-day National Young Leaders Conference in Washington sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

A New Member

We welcome Dr. Samuel Schuman, the new chancellor of UNCA.

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem, N.C.

by Millie Slatkoff

Sisterhood Activities

Sisterhood has planned and sponsored many enjoyable events in the past few months. The Harvest Luncheon on Oct. 13 was an afternoon of fabulous food, prepared by Sisterhood members, and contemporary fashions, modeled by members.

On Nov. 17, in conjunction with the Urban League, Sisterhood sponsored a performance of the Little Theater's entertaining production of "I'm Not Rappaport."

A large group of members conducted the Shabbat service on Jan. 24. A poignant portrayal of a Jewish woman's life cycle was presented.

In cooperation with the Broadway Preview Series, on Feb. 29, Sisterhood sponsored the production of Neil Simon's newest play, "Jake's Women," starring Alan Alda.

The newest project is "Sunday Sweets at the Blumenthal Jewish Home." Members serve as hostesses, greeting visitors and residents, and serving refreshments.

The new Sisterhood film series began on Jan. 5 with the showing of "Au Revoir Les Enfants"—the autobiographical account of the famous producer Louis Mal during World War II. The Book Club continues with reviews on *The Continuing Silence of the Poet* and *See Under Love* by David Grossman.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee of Temple Emanuel has become more active and visible during the last several

years. The "Introduction to Judaism" class, led by Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, is for Jews-by-Choice, non-Jewish spouses of members, and members seeking answers to confusing questions. The class welcomes everyone and creates a comfortable feeling for all who participate. Inreach meetings also deal with questionable issues for members.

The Committee is developing a program to respond to the emotional and social needs of interfaith couples. Host families will socialize with them and include them in home celebrations in order to set an example of Sabbath and Holy Days worship. Couples participate in support groups in home settings, giving them an opportunity to discuss their needs and concerns.

On Dec. 15, Robin Farquahr, the UAHC Mid-Atlantic Council Outreach Coordinator, spoke to the congregation on "December Dilemmas."

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee continues its ongoing involvement with various agencies of the Winston-Salem community. The number of projects in which it participates increases every year. Perhaps one of the most rewarding is the work with Habitat for Humanity. In less than a year, four houses have replaced a weed-covered lot; thanks to those who donated supplies, money and labor. Many members of Temple Emanuel have helped with the building of these houses.

In the past months, youngsters from the Youth Opportunity Homes enjoyed the comradeship of Committee members at a Thunderbird hockey game and a Wake Forest University women's basketball game.

Crisis Control Ministry is supported by donations of food, clothing and cash. A recent acknowledgement from the executive director of Crisis Control stated ". . .we are able to assist folks in crisis only because other folks like you care enough to provide the resources. To serve in a community where sensitivity and concern abound is a true honor and pleasure."

The Committee is also involved with the Food Bank of N.W. North Carolina; one of the members serves on the board. Rabbi Liebschutz delivered the benediction at the dedication of the Food Bank's new facility on Nov. 14.

Reciprocal babysitting services continue with the Temple's neighbor, the Highland Presbyterian Church.

New Russian Families

A highlight of the events taking place in the Jewish community of Winston-Salem was the arrival in December of two more Russian families, all related to those who had come in previous months. The Groysers and Beznoses were welcomed to the community at a Shabbat service on Jan. 31.

Personals

In Memory of Faye Lester

Mrs. Fanny (Faye) Foxman Lester, 91, of The Pines in Davidson and formerly of Harrill St., Statesville, N.C., died on Dec. 24, 1991 following a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 25, 1900, in Summerville, Md., and was a daughter of the late Louis and Celia Hecker Foxman. She attended Kinston, N.C., schools, and on Aug. 20, 1922, she was married to David E. Lester, who preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester were instrumental in the reopening of Congregation Emanuel Temple in 1954. Mrs. Lester was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and a former Mother of the Year for the congregation.

She and her husband opened Lester's ladies' store in Statesville in 1953. Following his death Mrs. Lester continued to operate the store until retiring in 1983. Prior to coming to Statesville, Mr. and Mrs. Lester operated the Royal Jewelers in Wilson.

She was a member of Congregation Emanuel of Statesville, a member of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary and the Statesville Altrusa Club.

Surviving are daughter, Mrs. Gene L. Gordon of Statesville; granddaughters, Mrs. Charlotte Margolis of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Susan Sandler of Charlotte; grandson, Craig R. Gordon of Davidson; and two great grandchildren.

The Lessing Society of W.C.U. Sylva-Cullowhee, N.C.

by Herbert Schulman
President and Treasurer

We are sad to announce the death of one of the original founders of our charitable, non-profit society, Mrs. Sophia Lessing. Mrs. Lessing, 78 years old, died Jan. 5, 1992. She lived in Sylva, N.C. with her daughter, Mrs. Susan Lewis, and family. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the wife of the late Benjamin Lessing who died in 1968.

Sophia Lessing came to Sylva in the early 1930s and co-owned and operated the Leader Dept. Store until 1968. She was a member of Agudas Israel Congregation in Hendersonville, N.C. and observed a strictly kosher diet until her death.

She was a life member of the local Eastern Star Masonic organization, was previously active in Sylva P.T.A. school association and the C.J. Harris Hospital Auxiliary. She visited area nursing homes to cheer residents in her later years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Susan Lewis of Sylva; one surviving brother, Murray Tursky of West Palm Beach, Fla., three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were in Hendersonville. Morris Kaplan officiated.

In 1970, with Mrs. Lessing's help, The Lessing Society of W.C.U. was founded in her husband's memory, and now "her" memory. Charitable donations are made to the Jackson County and Western Carolina University Libraries in loved ones' memories.

Any donations in Mrs. Lessing's

memory will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to The Lessing Society of W.C.U., P.O. Box 2050, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723. All donations will be acknowledged, and the family will be notified of your donation.

Governor Appoints Woodland to N.C. Council on the Holocaust Raleigh, N.C.

Governor Jim Martin has appointed Joseph Woodland of Raleigh to the N.C. Council on the Holocaust. He will serve until June 30, 1993.

Woodland received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Syracuse University. He retired from IBM in 1987 after 35 years of service.

A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and a trustee and past president of the Wake County Jewish Federation, Woodland is also a former president of the Bet Torah Synagogue in Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust develops education programs about the Holocaust of World War II.

Barry Swartz Awarded CJF Carmi Schwartz Fellowship

Barry R. Swartz, southeast area consultant, Community Services Department of the Council of Jewish Federations, is the second recipient of the Carmi Schwartz Fellowship. The Fellowship, honoring the immediate past executive vice president, was established by the Council of Jewish Federations board of directors to enable a member of the CJF professional staff to spend a "mini-sabbatical" in Israel.

Mr. Swartz proposes to study current Federation economic development initiatives in Israel in order to assist the Federation system in formulating an innovative policy which will lead to fruitful results for the Israeli economy. Mr. Swartz's examination of the challenge of Economic Development in Israel will, hopefully, serve as a catalyst for bold, new initiatives.

Mr. Swartz joined the CJF Staff in 1985. He services a portfolio of communities in the Southeast United States including New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville, and the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In addition, he assists in staffing the Florida Association of Jewish Federations.

Mr. Swartz is formerly the assistant executive director of the Windsor (Ontario) Jewish Community Council. Born and educated in Toronto, he graduated from the Benjamin S. Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service of Brandeis University. The Hornstein Program, a two-year Graduate Program leading to an M.A. in Jewish communal service, offers both academic classwork and practical experiences training for professional leadership. He also holds an Honors B.A. in religious studies and sociology from York University, Downsview, Ontario.

Mr. Swartz and his wife, Judith, live in Marietta, Georgia with their two daughters, Shoshanah and Rachel.

Organizations

Charlotte ORT/JCC Program "Anti-Semitism: Stand By or Stand Up" March 8, 1992

by Lorrie Klemons

Is anti-Semitism on the rise? Are anti-Semitic politicians invading the local, state and federal scenes? Are our children being influenced by hate-group spokespersons? How do you react to anti-Semitic/racial slurs in jokes or in everyday conversations? Do these questions make your blood boil?, your heart race?, your skin creep? If so, go to the Jewish Community Center of Charlotte at Shalom Park at 7 p.m. on March 8. As we all know, SHALOM means "peace" and that is what our mission is all about, establishing a peaceful existence in an ever-changing, and often hostile, world.

The Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training) and The Jewish Community Center of Charlotte proudly co-sponsor a community-wide forum—ANTI-SEMITISM: STAND BY OR STAND UP.

Be saddened by Scott Blacker, a local youth, as he dramatizes an experience from the March of the Living—a march in which youths from all over the world witnessed the ultimate anti-Semitism—Dachau, Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Lichtenau.

Be incited by Terrie Temkin, PhD, executive director of the Southeast District of Women's American ORT, as she addresses anti-Semitism as it is today—60 years later.

Be educated by Capt. Walt Hilderman from Special Information Bureau of the Charlotte Police Department who will be on hand to discuss crimes of hate in Charlotte, and what recourse you have should you experience such a crime.

And there will be more! You won't want to miss this program! With the resurgence of Naziism in Germany (encouraged by none other than the KKK), this topic is both timely and urgent. BE THERE! Bring your family, your children and your friends.

Advance tickets are $2; tickets at the door $3; seniors and students $1; coffee and refreshments will be served.

ORT chairperson for the program is Lorrie Klemons. For more information call Fran Rosenberg at the JCC at (704) 366-5007.

Author of book about Jewish men and women who served in Viet Nam, Cambodia or Laos during the Viet Nam War would like to hear from such veterans. Please contact Rabbi Leonard Winograd, 4346 Ludwick St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217-3006.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Lubavitch Day School & Preschool

The winter of '91-'92 has seen an increase in creative activities at Lubavitch Day School & Preschool. These activities involved both teachers and students who worked diligently to produce and execute works of art and entertainment. Indeed, their efforts paid off to the delight of parents and friends of the school.

To mention just a few: the grand Chanukah performance, which was a masterpiece musical presentation at Shalom Park; a special performance on Jan. 8 for Temple Israel Sisterhood; and the International Tour at the Lubavitch School Open House which was held on Jan. 12.

The purpose of the Open House was to share information with the community at large, and to demonstrate to visitors the accomplishments of the school in this academic year. What better way to communicate the message of excellence in education which is constantly achieved at Lubavitch Day School & Preschool.

This year, visitors were given an imaginary tour around the world. From the moment they entered the school complex they experienced the tastes, smells, music and art of many different countries.

The first country visited was Israel, which was the largest of all countries displayed. Jerusalem the capital was prominent among the cities of Israel, as it contained a replica of the old city made by the children with the help of Chanie Weiss, Judaica teacher at the school.

Scenes of Israel were in abundance as was food and music. Visitors feasted on Pita bread and Fallafel, and swayed to lively Israeli tunes and melodies. Other countries visited were: Argentina, China, France, Japan, Italy, Mexico and Native North America.

Each classroom was cleverly converted into a country with colorful design and authentic food. Facts and maps explained to the tourists the variety of activities one could experience in visiting that country.

Over 200 people attended the festive Open House tour of the Lubavitch Day School & Preschool. Many were amazed to learn about the superb quality education students receive at the school. Many parents expressed their interest in enrolling their children at the school for the coming year.

Lubavitch Talmud Torah

Students at Lubavitch Talmud Torah were also involved in art projects in addition to their regular studies at this supplementary school. As the festival of Tu b'Shevat neared, children were learning about the fruits of Israel, especially those which the Torah enumerates as a special blessing for Israel. They are: olives, dates, figs, pomegrantes and grapes.

The students created their own trees and fruits out of poster boards, and succeeded in matching the proper blessings for each fruit. Tu b'Shevat is the New Year for trees, and is celebrated by Jews, since we are likened to trees as it is stated in the Torah in the book of Deuteronomy.

On the Shabbat following Tu b'Shevat, a grand Kiddush-feast was held at the Chabad House. The Kiddush celebrated the birth of a new



Lubavitch Preschoolers at Chanukah performance.



First graders of Lubavitch Day School at musical performance.

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daughter to Rabbi Binyomin and Chanie Weiss of Charlotte. Rabbi and Mrs. Weiss teach at Lubavitch Day School and Talmud Torah, and many parents and grandparents of the Weiss students came to celebrate and participate in their joyous event. The Weiss's currently have five daughters, four were born in Charlotte.

On behalf of all the parents, children and staff at Lubavitch of North Carolina, we express our best wishes of Mazel Tov to Binyomin and Chanie Weiss. May they enjoy much *nachas* from their new baby and all their

Lubavitch Rebbe Hails Meeting of World Leaders

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson *shlita,* noted the new efforts for peace in countries around the world and the hope for a new era of peace and understanding among all people.

Commenting during his public address on the Sabbath afternoon about the recent convergence of world leaders in New York, the Rebbe warmly welcomed their efforts to build a lasting peace in the world, even between nations who were former adversaries, and the introduction of a new attitude of tolerance and sharing, and all of the attendant humanitarian ramifications.

"It is especially gratifying," the Rebbe said, "to take note of the decision to stop the proliferation of arms, and, in fact, to reduce the arsenals of weapons."

"Furthermore," the Rebbe continued, "the plan to transform such spending into expenditure for humanitarian causes can bring one to envision the fulfillment of the prophecy 'and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).' "

The Rebbe went on to say: "This message should also serve to inspire each and every individual to channel his or her energy towards the benefit of others, and to respond to others with love and charity."

GCAR Winter Kallah

The Winter Kallah of the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis met in Chapel Hill Feb. 3-5. Seventeen rabbis attended, besides some spouses and visitors.

Speakers were Dr. Jack Sasson, chairman of Department of Religion at UNC-CH, and Dr. Bart Ehrman, professor in the same department. Dr. Sasson gave a take-off on his commentary on *Jonah,* published by Anchor Bible in 1991. His topic was, "Why Write Another Commentary on a Biblical Book?" His lively talk shed insight on motives of those who write biblical commentaries.

There has been a surge of scholarship on sources of the Bible during the past 50 years, using newly discovered texts, as well as those previously available. In spite of the drive to gain access to the Dead Sea Scrolls, Dr. Sasson believes they add little to Semitic texts, the Septuagint in Greek, and Masoretic texts which have been used by rabbis continuously. Members attending the Kallah engaged in discussion of the subject.

Dr. Ehrman is an authority on the New Testament and has articles published on the rise of anti-Semitism. He spoke at Wildacres last August at a B'nai B'rith Institute on Judaism. His interest in groups of early Christians and their relationship to Jews is motivated by his belief that such exploration will provide some common ground for contemporary dialogue between Christians and Jews. His talk at this Kallah was "The Relationship of early Christians to Jews."

His approach was from an historical viewpoint and shed light on the various beliefs of Jews at the time Christianity began, especially the Prophetic and Apocalyptic convictions. Such beliefs still persist today in Jewish and Christian denominations, particularly evident among fundamentalists.

A concert by Claudia Warburg, violinist, and Jane Hawkins, pianist, provided a delightful evening for the thirty people attending the GCAR Kallah.

Southern Jewish Historical Society

The Southern Jewish Historical Society recently installed a new president, president-elect and two new board members. New president is Dr. Sheldon Hanft, since 1969 managing director of the Performing Arts and Forum Series, Office of Cultural Affairs, at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

He completed his undergraduate studies at City University of New York and New York University. He earned his Ph.D. from N.Y.U. in 1962.

He has presented a number of papers on Jewish topics and Jewish communities in North Carolina for SJHS and in Jewish communities. He has 40 published book reviews.

Dr. Hanft has been very active in SJHS and served as a member of its executive board from 1987-1990. He was program chairman for SJHS conferences in 1987, 1988 and 1991 and co-chairman of the Program Committee at the March 1990 conference. He has served as chairman of the society's Grants Awards and Student Essay Award Committees. He was SJHS vice president in 1990 and 1991.

Dr. Hanft and his wife Beryl have three daughters.

New president-elect is Beryl Weiner, Atlanta Ga. New board members are Kay Kole of Savannah, Ga., and Dr. Berkley Kalin of Memphis, Tenn.

News from the Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

March is a month of merriment at the preschool with Purim as the focus. In the classroom and during Judaica classes, the children will be learning about the events described in the Megillah. In preparation for the holiday, the children will be creating their own Megillahs and graggers. The children will use the graggers at the Purim Parade, to take place at the March 20 Shabbat program. This event, as all Friday morning Shabbat programs, is open to parents and members of the community. Shabbat



Children enjoy a snack of challah and grape juice at Preschool's Friday morning Shabbat.

programs are held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Gorelick Hall at Shalom Park.

Registration for the 1992-1993 school year is now underway at the Charlotte Jewish Preschool. For information regarding enrollment contact Carol Klein by phone at (704) 366-5007 or write to The Charlotte Jewish Preschool, P.O. Box 13369, Charlotte, N.C. 28270.

Halailah BBW Charlotte, N.C.

by Rachel Rosenfeld

Halailah has been busy this winter with a paid-up membership Social and Fashion Show on Jan. 21. Halailah members sported fashions from Bailey's Boutique. Our December fundraising event, Chinese Bingo, was such a success that a command performance, Pizza Bingo was held on Feb. 18. On both occasions, members enjoyed having a "ladies night out" with good food, great prizes, and the chance to support worthy causes. A Chai Luncheon was held on Feb. 17. Halailah members prepared and served lunch for our older adults.

Our next board meeting will be held on March 3 at Crisis Assistance Ministries. We will meet at the J at 6:45 and carpool from there. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a short term project. Volunteers are needed to sort and hang clothes. As always, you need not be a board member to participate.

We are gearing up for a special program on March 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Gorelick Hall in Shalom Park. Halailah and the Consolidated Hebrew High School of Charlotte will co-sponsor a program on the Messianic Movement. We will view a film, "The Target is You," followed by a panel discussion and question and answer session. This should be a very informative program. Voting for the '92-'93 Board will be held immediately following this program.



HADASSAH: Roz Cooper of Charlotte, N.C., left, and Tamara Miller of Greensboro, N.C., attended the recent Prime Timers Institute sponsored by Hadassah at its New York headquarters. They were among 200 delegates who focused on "The Jewish Woman in Transition" as part of Hadassah's outreach to the 45-60 year old target population. The group discussed assimilation, Zionist commitment, volunteerism and intermarriage.



CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

Purim at CAJE

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For Kids

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For Families

Jewish Holidays Video Guide

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The Death of An American Jewish Community

A Tragedy of Good Intentions

by Hillel Levine and Lawrence Harmon
The Free Press (Macmillan, Inc.)
370 pp. $24.95
Reviewed by Alan S. Goldberg

This American Jewish community did not just die. It was killed! And I am not so sure that it was all with good intentions. Regardless, I am deeply angered by what has happened, especially since I was born in this community and spent my early childhood there.

There were once 90,000 Jews living in three Boston neighborhoods—Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan—and in a few short years they were displaced with 120,000 blacks. A long-standing Jewish community with its synagogues, schools, businesses, and life-sustaining network of relationships, was utterly destroyed.

The destruction of this community was not the result of the tidal forces of evolutionary urban decline. This is a bizarre story of a plan that betrayed a Jewish community, with the support of the nominal Jewish leaders. However, the Jews were not the only ones who were betrayed. There was a large segment of the black middle class who enjoyed close relationships with their Jewish neighbors. They also were victimized by this "tragedy of good intentions."

In the 1950s many sections of Boston were in decay. The city was losing population while the black population doubled. Urban poverty spread, and the blight of substandard housing continued to encroach on many historic areas of downtown Boston. This environment was hostile to investment and growth in a city that still had resources and vitality.

Then along came Urban Renewal Administration and the Boston Redevelopment Authority. With the support of federal and local funds, over 2700 acres of urban renewal projects were started. The wrecking balls and bulldozers obliterated slum areas, and entire black neighborhoods crumbled under earth moving equipment. The new Boston began to rise with new structures and housing. However, the new housing was too expensive for the former occupants of the slums, and many blacks began to fear that urban renewal was synonymous with "Negro removal." In the early 1960s, poorly conceived and poorly administered urban renewal programs contributed to a growing shortage of housing for blacks, resulting in increasing racial tensions.

It was critical for Boston political and business leaders to resolve the very sensitive racial housing issue that was marring the revitalization of the city. Boston was divided by very strong ethnic lines. To the east were the Irish who were overtly hostile to the blacks, and to the north were the Italians who were just as adamantly opposed to integration. There was only one place left to go, and that was south into the predominantly Jewish area of Dorchester. It was felt that Jews would be more sympathetic to the plight of the blacks. Jewish leaders who had years previously moved to the wealthier outlying suburbs supported the movement of blacks into Dorchester and its contiguous areas. They believed that "good things would happen by doing good." As it turned out it was neither good for the blacks nor the Jews.

The plan that was devised to relocate the blacks was twisted and bizarre! Twenty-two banks, and insurance companies, secured with federal money actually "redlined" on a map an area that included parts of Dorchester, Mattapan and Roxbury, the most concentrated Jewish neighborhoods in Boston. The bankers unilaterally redefined the programs that guaranteed housing loans by allocating funds almost exclusively to blacks—provided that they sought housing in the limited "redlined" area. There was virtually no economic criteria for providing a loan to a black who aspired to own a home. Qualifications depended on color and the geographic location of the residence.

The results were devastating. Panic selling erupted and Jews often sold to unscrupulous speculators at below market prices while blacks who were eager to participate in the "American Dream" paid inflated prices. Many home owners who did not want to sell were subjected to "blockbusting." Real estate agents and brokers would arrange for windows and doors to be smashed, or the reluctant owners to be mugged. The frightened victims sold and fled.

Fear, prejudice and violence gripped the community. Unsupervised youths stunned the elderly with indiscriminate and violent attacks. Synagogues were desecrated, a Torah burned, a rabbi scarred with acid. The cars and homes of the remaining whites were constantly stoned and damaged. Young black hoodlums forced the predominately Jewish store owners to sell, close or be torched, not wanting any white presence in their newly acquired district. The transformation was like a fire storm. In only two years, 1966-1968, the death knell of this proud Jewish community of 90,000 was sounded.

It is ironic that Jews and blacks who were so closely linked in the civil rights movement were now pitted destructively against each other. It was Kivie Kaplan and other prominent Jewish leaders who responded generously to the needs of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In the mid-1960s Jews nationwide were contributing as much as 75 percent of the

operating funds of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Congress of Racial Equality.

Many of the homes and rental buildings in the "redlined" district were still owned by absentee Jewish landlords. The condition of much of the housing became substandard, and the image of the Jewish slumlord could not be erased by the "checkbook warriors." In 1965, Boston's CORE chapter which was supported by almost 75% Jewish funding published a list of property owners cited for state and city code violations. The list was composed largely of Jewish property owners. The New England region of the Anti-Defamation League recognized that slum housing "loomed as a major cause of tension between the Boston Jewish and Negro communities." Regardless of the legislative and communal efforts made to correct building code violations, hostilities between Jewish property owners and black tenant activists escalated.

The case of the Mindick brothers is one of many that fueled the anger of many black tenants who lived in unsanitary and hazardous conditions. The Mindicks controlled over 800 slum apartments, but they were insulated from prosecution for code violation by a myriad of dummy corporations. Their Orthodox community appealed to them, and the Mindicks agreed to abide by the decision of a Bet Din headed by Rabbi Korff. They were found guilty, fined by the Bet Din, and then the Mindicks fled to Florida without rectifying any of the code violations.

The national office of the Jewish Community Relations Agency urged Jewish leaders to understand the roots of growing overt anti-Semitism. "Often the sole contact between Jews and Negroes are those between landlord and tenant, employer and employee, or creditor and debtor. Under these circumstances it is easy for the Jew to be identified as an exploiter. . ." Blacks have been uprooted by the federal bulldozer and directed to live in another area that becomes a ghetto and a wasteland. The Jewish landlords who hold title to the substandard buildings become the target. It is difficult for the blacks under these circumstances to understand the visions of the Civil Rights Collaborators, Reverend Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.

There are no winners in this story. Only big losers—mainly the black and Jewish residents whose communities and institutions were permanently destroyed. I also think of the roots that I have lost.

Levine and Harmon tell a powerful story, a sorrowful story in *The Death of an American Jewish Community.* We must learn from the history of this tragedy.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Hillel Levine is professor of sociology and religion at Boston University where he also directs the Center for Judaic Studies. An ordained rabbi, he received a doctorate in sociology and Jewish history from Harvard, and taught sociology and religious studies at Yale. Lawrence Harmon is editor of the *Brookline Citizen.* Born and raised in Dorchester, he was previously managing editor of the *Jewish Advocate.*

Alan S. Goldberg, a textile executive in Charlotte, N.C., lived in the Boston area until 1950.

The Best Is Yet To Be: Renewing American Judaism

by Rabbi Wayne D. Dosick
The Town House Press 254 pp.
$19.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Judaism is *ethical monotheism.* Judaism is *ethical ritualism.* There you have it, Rabbi Dosick's definition of Judaism. Also, Judaism is *people.* Having asked the question, "What would it really matter if Judaism disappeared?" Rabbi Dosick proceeds to answer in frank and honest terms.

As founder and spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Am, a Conservative synagogue in a suburb of San Diego, Cal., he has experienced a measure of success in applying his remedies to what he regards as an ailing American Jewish community. He was ordained by the Reform seminary, Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and he aims to bring unity to all of the branches of Judaism in America.

Rabbi Wayne D. Dosick believes we Jews share the responsibility of our mission: "to perfect the world under the Kingdom of God." That is Tikkun Olam, and signifies the difference between Jewish faith and that of Christianity. Christians believe there is no hope of perfection for humanity, and that their Messiah came to earth to assume all of the sins of people, to die for them, thereby earning their eternal salvation. Jews are still striving for perfection and trying to eradicate sin and gain perfection by ourselves, through following God's commandments.

Therefore, Judaism is worth perpetuating. Rabbi Dosick tells us we Jews have lost our way, and that our institutions have failed. He understands what has gone wrong, and in *The Best Is Yet To Be* he offers a prescription to cure the ills of the synagogue, the community, and our Jewish institutions.

It was comforting to read among his suggestions many programs in effect in Charlotte's Jewish community. Other creative ideas probably could not be achieved in a community numbering half the total he gives as required to succeed. Nevertheless, Rabbi Dosick is enthusiastic, dynamic and lively, one of our new breed of clergy who reach out to the young and alienated. Having viewed his *Video Synagogue* before reading his book, we could sense his optimism.

So much criticism is heard, that it is refreshing to hear solutions, while admitting the validity of the common criticism. Because this book is recommended by various American Jewish leaders and because Rabbi Dosick is obviously sincere, his words should be read and given serious consideration. The book should be read by all of us, especially those who preach and teach, as well as everyone who serves in voluntary or professional capacity in any Jewish institution, whether it be synagogue, school

or other agency concerned with the Jewish community in America.

An important achievement of this book is defining priorities and offering guidance in living as a Jew in America. Some of the ideas are revolutionary, but Rabbi Dosick believes nothing should be done just because it has "always been done," and was not this country founded through revolution? He fears an urgent threat and that radical corrections are in order. We might well heed some of them, at least.

Virtually no aspect of Jewish life is omitted. He addresses problems of the synagogues, Jewish education, conversion, intermarriage, the role of rabbis, the appeals of cults, Jewish Federations, charitable contributions, Israel, and the financial problems of all institutions. Rabbi Dosick offers thoughtful answers to questions about what is wrong in the Jewish community.

In the Wake of the Goddesses

by Tikva Frymer-Kensky
The Free Press 292 pp. $24.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

No greater commendation of this book need be given than that of Chaim Potok, who deems it, "An important, fascinating, and at times startling account of the powerful position of goddesses in ancient pagan culture and how their role was forever transformed by the biblical view of the world. It is an eye-opener of a book, with insights and implications vital for our own time."

Tikva Frymer-Kensky is a prominent scholar of ancient Near Eastern religion, and is a trained Assyriologist/Sumerologist, as well as a biblicist. Her brilliant mind has delved into religion, law and literature in her quest for understanding the beliefs and cultures of the world throughout history.

She is a scholar and teacher, and a speaker who fascinates her audiences. She earned a Ph.D. in Assyriology and Sumerology from Yale University and is a professor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. She is an admitted feminist, but having said all of the above, the depth of her knowledge and wisdom remain undescribed.

Through research and interpretation, this author succeeds in informing us of the role which gender had played, by study of the development of early societies. There was a time when goddesses played a major role in religions, and with the birth of monotheism in Israel, changes occurred. Hellenism had great influence in the world, and Israel was no exception. Greek ideas gave women a lesser role, although in the Bible the relationship to God was fairly equal with men and women. Social customs and religious ritual did not reflect the equality.

In the Wake of the Goddesses examines the functions of goddesses in pagan religions and the relationship of the God of Israel to those other gods who were worshipped by the peoples who co-existed with the Israelites in early biblical time.

Because of her knowledge of the early languages of the Middle East, Tikva Frymer-Kensky has been able to study earliest records of those cultures, and her reports are stories which reveal much about them through the stories of their mythologies.

This book provides much food for study and thought, as it enlightens our understanding of civilizations long gone which were the soil from which ours grew. The role of the goddesses still influences us today in the role of gender in modern religions.

The Jewish American Princess and Other Myths: The Many Faces of Self-Hatred

by Janice L. Booker
S.P.I. (Shapolsky Publishers)
274 pp. $19.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Janice Booker has written an analysis and detailed dissertation on Jewish stereotypes and Jewish self-hatred in *The Jewish American Princess (JAP) and Other Myths.*

The author claims that comedians, writers, film producers and various celebrities have made a popular fad of ethnic jokes and slurs. Such portrayals, when accepted by Jews, have made the stereotypes legitimate and have caused not only anti-Semitism, but self-hatred in Jews. We are intimidated by the beliefs of the majority, because we are insecure and wish to be accepted.

Judaism, feminism and criticism of Israel all receive a share of Janice Booker's attack. Her facts are documented in a bibliography of eight and one-half pages at the end of the book. She furnishes ample proof of her claims by quotations throughout the book.

As I read, I became increasingly disturbed. I felt guilty at times, challenged and defensive. At the end, I concluded that Janice Booker has succeeded in stereotyping Jews by putting all of us into one basket. Some extreme cases are cited as representative, and my convictions about American society are contradicted.

The publisher's review states, "Comedians and writers, especially, bait the trap of common prejudice, beginning with the JAP and Jewish mother jokes that have cemented the base of many literary and nightclub careers. Among popular entertainers, ethnic jokes and slurs have recently re-emerged as a popular fad."

I have been watching and listening with great sensitivity for more years than the author has lived, and it has appeared to me that the very perpetrators she has blamed for encouraging anti-Semitism are those I credited for acquainting Americans with us, eradicating the mystery and superstition which can surround an unknown group. If I may make my usual comparison, anti-Semitism is like hatred of cats. People who hate them rarely are acquainted with them.

My observation has been that Jewish comedians have made gentiles in America familiar with Jews, our customs, traits, and yes, our peculiarities more than any other group of Jews has done. Some Jewish writers have been hard on us, but others have taught Jewish history and religion.

There was little interfaith dialogue in the 1920s. There was a great deal of insecurity among Jews, evidenced by changing Jewish-sounding names and attempts to hide one's identity. There is not very much of that any more.

I think that anti-Semitism is at times overt and harmful. It does not need to be discovered by psychology. Our government does not encourage or sponsor anti-Semitism, and has been creditably successful in recent years in infiltrating white supremacist and anti-Semitic movements, even to the extent of levying fines heavy enough to put institutions out of business.

Max Dimont has said, "Everybody doesn't have to love me." He feels *The Jews in America* (title of one of his books) have fared well. I agree with him, and most of us feel secure in our society.

One more thing, doesn't anyone laugh any more? It seems that everything and everyone are out of bounds for jokes any more. We aren't even supposed to recommend chicken soup as a cure-all.

Janice L. Booker is a radio broadcaster and journalist whose articles have appeared in *The Philadelpha Inquirer, Parents Magazine* and *Family Circle*. She has lectured at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Spirit of Renewal: Crisis and Response in Jewish Life

by Edward Feld
Jewish Lights Publishing 191 pp. $22.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Rabbi Edward Field takes an extended view of history, especially Jewish history, in *The Spirit of Renewal*.

As Hillel Director at Princeton University since 1973, he has been a teacher of spirituality to students, scholars and rabbis and has worked with Christian spiritual leaders. He organized a theology seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, where he spent a sabbatical year, and after reading this book, I would call him a thoughtful theologian.

Asking questions not uncommonly raised in our time, he arrives at responses which are sensible, if not always what we wish to be told. He describes the reshaping of the Jewish religion after four major events in Jewish history. They are the Babylonian exile, the Bar Kochba revolt, the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel.

The God of Genesis who created the universe and controlled all of it has been seen from different viewpoints in different eras.

The system of reward and punishment, so devoutly to be wished, has become unacceptable to us. (Why, then, do we retain the lines in our liturgy that tells us the good will prosper and the evil be cut down like the grass? The words sound brash and false as we utter them.)

In the world of the diaspora, after the destruction of the second Temple and when the failure of the final rebellion foretold that the Temple would not be rebuilt in the previously predicted seventy years, nor would there be a quick return to their land, there was a withdrawal from the real world. Then it was the spirit that was to be sustained through study of Torah. Suffering could be endured as long as belief persisted that reward would come in an afterlife. That would be the perfect world, the Kingdom of God.

There was always a saving remnant of Jews who held fast to the Torah and its commandments, regardless of the restrictions of society. Martyrdom was then revered as sacrifice to the Holy One, a willingness to sacrifice one's life to sanctify the name of God. Such martyrs were heroes, and they were usually saintly scholars, people who knew and understood the faith for which they suffered.

In the Holocaust, however, there was no question of sacrifice for a purpose. The unbelievers perished with the faithful, innocent children with adults who were good or wicked, devoted to Judaism or ignorant of its teachings. And the persistent question, "Where was God?" continues tacitly, if not shouted for the world to hear. Where was the Messiah, who was to come in the darkest hour? Do we still await his arrival? Rabbi Feld thinks not.

We held a misconception of God; we made him too much an anthropomorphic creature of our own imagination, conceived in our own image. Would it be possible for us still to cherish a God who willfully hid from his people through such complete horror? Yet, humanity ignored us, also. We realize that belief in self is also misplaced, that society does not continually improve. Enlightenment, science and technology served the wicked, rather than enhanced the nature of humans.

Rabbi Feld reminds us that rabbinic texts deal with how an individual is to behave. There is little about the exercise of state power, since that has not been a problem for two thousand years.

Our present circumstance is different from whatever formed the basis of the texts of our Jewish tradition. Most of us choose neither to escape from the society in which we live, nor to withdraw from life into a world completely spiritual. "We recognize that chaos and evil are at the heart of humanity and that to survive we cannot afford to evolve a morality for the end of days, a life of messianic dreaming, a life that withdraws from the demands of history. But we are also called to recognize that there is a possibility of creating a holy way in the here and now."

We are told that "each generation needs to fill its own responses, but the quest ultimately remains the same: to recover a vision of the sacred amidst a tragic reality." There you have it: there will always be good and evil, and evil will often triumph. To seek the sparks of good within ourselves and in others, even in the midst of chaos, is to find the spirit of God. This is a response which I can accept and a way of life to follow. The guidelines offered in our Jewish tradition will often serve to show us the way.

"In an unredeemed world, our task is to be a blessing to ourselves and to others. . .We have traveled far, only to continue walking on the way."

This is the first book of its kind which has spoken in language and

reasoning which reaches me on my level. Edward Feld quotes Martin Buber and makes his philosophy clear. He has lectured at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Mt. Saviour Monastery, The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, The University of California and the University of Chicago. To gain a new response to questions raised in our lifetime read "The Spirit of Renewal."

Toward a Theological Encounter: Jewish Understanding of Christianity

Edited by Rabbi Leon Klenicki
Paulist Press 176 pp.
$8.95 paperback

Can the effects of two thousand years of anti-Semitism be overcome? Any realistic dialogue between Christians and Jews today must consider this before the two religions can surmount the barrier that centuries of prejudice and painful memories have created. This is just one of the many points raised by Leon Klenicki in "Toward a Process of Healing: Understanding the Other as a Person of God," this hard-hitting anthology's introductory essay.

In a frank look at Christianity, top Jewish scholars examine the interreligious dialogue from the Jewish point of view. Rabbi Klenicki goes on to examine Jewish-Christian interaction throughout history. Michael Wyschogrod and David Novak write about the Jewish theological understanding of Christianity. Elliot Dorff explains how "covenant" is the key to dialogue. S. Daniel Brelauer, in a personal perspective, comments on how dialogue should not be an attempt at conversion. Norman Solomon examines recurrent themes such as covenant, redemption, the Holocaust, Israel and eschatology. Walter Jacob explains the twentieth century Jewish response to dialogue. And David Dalin writes about Jewish theologian and Christian apologist, Will Herberg.

Though the book itself presents only one side, it is must reading for everyone seriously involved in the dialogue.

Rabbi Leon Klenicki is director of the department of Jewish-Christian Relations of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. A professor of Jewish theology, he is also the editor of *The Passover Celebration* and the co-author of *In Our Time: The Flowering of Jewish-Catholic Dialogue* (Paulist Press). Rabbi Klenicki has addressed many groups at Wildacres.

Sepharad '92 Previews Plans for Major Smithsonian Art Exhibition of Jewish Treasures

International Jewish Committee Sepharad '92 officials announced the collection of rarely seen historic treasures that will comprise "Golden Threads: A Tapestry of Sephardic Experience," a landmark exhibition devoted to the history, artistic treasures and creativity of Sephardic Jews and their contributions to Jewish and world history.

"Golden Threads" is scheduled to open at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 1992 and will then travel to major museums in Spain, Israel, Turkey, France, Canada, U.S. and South America.

In a special preview of the collection, Andre Sassoon, exhibition chairman and co-president of Sepharad '92, described the exhibition that is the result of a two year long worldwide search for Jewish treasures, as "one that will encompass all areas of Sephardic creative and intellectual endeavor, ranging from medicine, astronomy, mathematics, geography and seafaring to fine arts, poetry, literature, religious and secular life."

"We have worked with many cultural institutions and individuals all over the world to secure this historical collection of rarely seen artifacts of Jewish life," said Mr. Sassoon. "By bringing these treasures to the Smithsonian we hope to recreate the tapestry of Jewish culture that unraveled when the Spanish community of Jews was dispersed."

Pictures of the Bible

Illustrated by Gustave Dore
Harbour Press, Ltd., 9 x 12" 162 pp.
$15.95 paperback; $26.95 hardcover
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

A new Jewish edition of Gustave Dore's well known *Pictures of the Bible* is at long last suitable for Jewish readers. Previous editions included the Christian New Testament. This new Jewish edition has eliminated flaws in one which was published in Israel and became extremely popular there. Harbour Press now presents this collection of imaginative representations from a creative artist.

Included are more than 150 spectacular pictures of stories in the Bible and eight from the Books of Maccabees, depicting the story of Hanukkah. Their sequence follows that of the Hebrew Bible, and all pictures are captioned.

Plates in this book were chosen from original French, English and German editions of *The Holy Bible* published in 1865, and the illustrations will be familiar. Gustave Dore, who lived from 1833 to 1883, was illustrator for many masterpieces, including *Don Quixote*, works of Shakespeare, Balzac, Dante and others.

This exciting book is the answer to "What to give" for any occasion, from Bar and Bat Mitzvot through weddings and every event for the rest of our lives.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MEDICAL CARE DECISIONS AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

The Blumenthal Jewish Home, along with other health care providers, is required by the Patient Self-Determination Act to inform the community it serves about this new law which protects your rights as a consumer of medical services.

Upon admission to a hospital or a nursing home, you will be asked if you have executed advance health care directives. Obviously, this is a matter that requires careful study, and your decision should be made before admission to a health care facility. To assist you in making an informed decision about advance directives, the State of North Carolina has provided the following information:

Who decides about my medical care or treatment?

If you are 18 or older and mentally competent, you have the right to make decisions about your medical treatment. You should talk to your doctor or other health care provider about any treatment or procedure so that you understand what will be done and why. You have the right to say yes or no to treatments recommended by your doctor. If you want to control decisions about your health care even if you become unable to make or to express them yourself, you will need an "advance directive."

What is an "advance directive"?

An advance directive is a set of directions you give about the health care you want if you ever lose the ability to make decisions for yourself. North Carolina has two ways for you to make a formal advance directive. One way is called a "living will"; the other way is called a "health care power of attorney."

What is a living will?

In North Carolina, a living will is a document that tells others that you want to die a natural death if you are terminally and incurably sick or in a persistent vegetative state from which you will not recover. In a living will, you can direct your doctor not to use heroic treatments that would delay your dying, for example by using a breathing machine ("respirator" or "ventilator"), or to stop such treatments if they have been started. You can also direct your doctor not to begin or to stop giving you food and water through a tube ("artificial nutrition or hydration").

What is a health care power of attorney?

In North Carolina, you can name a person to make medical care decisions for you if you later become unable to decide yourself. This person is called your "health care agent." In the legal document, you name who you want your agent to be. You can say what medical treatments you would want and what you would not want. Your agent then knows what choices you would make.

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Advance Directives (con't.)

How do I make an advance directive?

You must follow several rules when you make a formal living will or a health care power of attorney. These rules are to protect you and ensure that your wishes are clear to the doctor or other provider who may be asked to carry them out. Both a living will and health care power of attorney must be written and signed by you while you are still able to understand your condition and treatment choices and to make those choices known. Both types of advance directives must be witnessed by two qualified people and be notarized.

When does an advance directive go into effect?

A living will goes into effect when you are going to die soon and cannot be cured or when you are in a persistent vegetative state. The powers granted by your health care power of attorney go into effect when your doctor states in writing that you are not able to make or to make known your health care choices. When you make a health care power of attorney, you can name the doctor you would want to make this decision.

What happens if I change my mind?

You can cancel your living will either by destroying all the copies of it **or** by informing your doctor that you want to cancel it. You can change your health care power of attorney by signing another one or by telling your doctor and each health care agent you named of the change.

Whom should I talk to about an advance directive?

You should talk to those closest to you about an advance directive and your feelings about the health care you would like to receive. Your doctor or health care provider can answer medical questions. A lawyer can answer questions about the law. Some people also discuss the decision with clergy or other trusted advisors.

The North Carolina Department of Human Resources has made available forms for executing advance directives. If you would like further information including a copy of these forms, please write to Sue Clein, Blumenthal Jewish Home, P. O. Box 38, Clemmons, NC 27012-0038.



Fair Oaks resident Irene Mendelson enjoys a visit with Danielle Diniz while her dad volunteers in the office.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Ralph Tesh
Winston-Salem, NC

Evelyn Sneller
Roanoke, VA

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein



Volunteers Jean Lund (above) and Phil Diniz (below) were the cheerful voices greeting people in the BJH office on Christmas day, giving our office staff a holiday.



IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Beatrice Alperin
Violet Durham
Thelma Hege
Joseph Vernon Miller
Clara Steiner

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

FAIR OAKS

Blumenthal Jewish Home Founders Have Come To Live At Fair Oaks



Sylvia Margolis, a past president of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and a former member of the Home's Board of Directors, is enjoying her new home in Fair Oaks. She holds a shovel presented to her at the Home's groundbreaking ceremonies in 1964.



Fair Oaks resident Hannah Ackerman is a longtime friend of the Home and longtime member of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, now the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men. She welcomed her granddaughter, Ginger Brown, to the CAJWM's annual meeting and picnic held at the Home last spring.

"I remember the meeting," said Sylvia Margolis as she vividly recollected her first association with the Blumenthal Jewish Home. It was a meeting of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women in Charlotte in the mid-50's, and the membership had just voted to establish a Jewish home in North Carolina. "Immediately following that vote, they then voted and elected me president of the association. My reaction was — what a beautiful idea (a Jewish home), but it frightened me," said Mrs. Margolis. "Such a big project. I didn't know anyone who would come, and I didn't think there would be enough Jewish people in North Carolina to come."

Sitting in her beautiful new home, now in Fair Oaks, Sylvia Margolis speaks warmly and enthusiastically of the Home she helped to build. She speaks proudly of the many women of the organization who raised money and developed supporters over the years. She spoke of Nell Hershberg, a friend and a former president of the association, who encouraged her that day in Charlotte saying, "We've got to begin raising money or we'll never have it." She spoke of Madolyn Blumenthal who succeeded Mrs. Margolis as president of the association and whose excitement about the Home spread to her husband, Dick Blumenthal.

Sylvia Margolis is a native North Carolinian. She was born in Tarboro, N.C., and has lived in Williamston, N.C., since her marriage to Irving Margolis in 1936. She and her husband were always active members of the Home. Mrs. Margolis, a former board member, was on the program for the groundbreaking ceremony in 1964.

Becoming settled in her new home, Sylvia Margolis says she chose Fair Oaks because of her warm connection to the Home all these years. She says she is enjoying getting to know people and looks forward to Shabbat services, rabbi's hour, the wonderful programs like the Brenner concerts, and the outings.

"Somebody wanted to buy my house just at this time ... it was meant to be and the Home was meant to be," said Sylvia. "How ironic, I didn't know of anyone who would come to the Home in the beginning and now I am the one to decide to come."

BJH NEWS BRIEFS — THE STARS CAME OUT AT BJH





- **STARS FROM THE RAZZ MA TAZZ REVIEW** entertained at the Friendship Circle's anniversary dinner in Greensboro on December 19. BJH and Fair Oaks residents formerly from Greensboro were treated to a delightful evening with old friends, sparkling entertainment, and a delicious dinner prepared and served by Friendship Circle's sons and daughters.

- **THE SOCIETY SWING BAND STARRED** on January 1 when a New Year's day party was held in the Commons Auditorium. Residents toasted the New Year to the swinging sounds of familiar tunes. Good cheer, good wishes, and good music were starring beginnings for a New Year.

- **DEBORAH MESCHAN WAS A SHINING STAR** when she sang for residents at the January birthday party. Like a bright comet, she dazzled the audience who knew they had just seen a future star being born.

Above left: Fair Oaks resident Eva Kaplan (right) enjoyed visiting with a friend at the Friendship Circle's anniversary dinner in Greensboro.
Above right: The star on the menorah shone brightly when members of Brownie Troop 681 presented a Chanukah program at BJH. Troop leader Jocelyn Allsup and her daughter are pictured lighting the menorah.
Below left: Deborah Meschan of Greensboro was a true crowd pleaser when she sang for residents at the January birthday party. For a small star, Deborah gave off a bright light filled with sparkling personality and talent.
Below right: Fair Oaks resident Shirley Shane had a good time in the company of Activity Therapist Gail Ruthfield at the Friendship Circle's anniversary dinner in Greensboro.





George Hamilton IV Treats BJH To A Special Performance

- **GRAND OLE OPRY STAR GEORGE HAMILTON IV** provided a "down home" country performance for BJH and Fair Oaks residents and staff on January 31. This country music star won the hearts of the audience with his charm, musical talent, a six-string guitar and stories of country music.



Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, is dressed for "country and western day" as she introduces George Hamilton, IV (her brother-in-law) to the audience.



George Hamilton, IV delights his audience with warmth, charm and "down home" musical treats.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

Jack Belton, Sr.
Rose Berzin
Karl Cahn
Ruby Freedle
Robert Little
Elsie Lubetsky
Elsie McCarthy
Nona Meigs
Columbus Morris
Yvette Pearlman
Esther Pearson
Gladys Poindexter
Rose Schulherr
Anna Shapiro
Virginia Skeeter
Mary Smith
Esther Wampler

APRIL

Sarah Blau
George Carter
Ben Fox
Faye Kalson
Dorothy Kaplan
Noah Kaplan
George Lewin
Irene Mendelson
Ruth Moff
Vera Morrison
Mary Myers
Ethel Sutton

- **THE STARS WERE GREEN IN THE EARTH TOUCH CLASS** which began on January 7. Lea Nading, Horticulture Therapist, brought residents' eyes back down to earth when the second session of this popular class was held in the Commons Building. The Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department special population unit sponsors the horticulture therapy program which brings Lea to the Home for 10-week sessions.



The plants are the stars in this entertaining class led by Lea Nading each week. Seen left to right BJH residents Florence Weiner, Addie Mikels, Helene Baruch, Mary Barrett, Lea Nading (therapist), Virginia Popper and Helen Bloch.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



LINDA SMITH
LPN, Fair Oaks
December, 1991

Linda Smith has had the good fortune to be working for almost 25 years in a career that she knew she always wanted . BJH has also had the good fortune to have Linda working as a nurse on Fair Oaks since June, 1989.

Linda's career in nursing has included clinical work at Baptist Hospital, private duty nursing care, and long-term care with the elderly. She received her LPN certificate at the College of Albemarle in Elizabeth City, N.C., in 1967. Linda began her work on Fair Oaks as a temporary assignment but found the friendliness of everyone on the staff made her consider wanting to work in this atmosphere. When she received the offer of a permanent position, she said it was an opportunity she couldn't refuse.

"I have always enjoyed working with the elderly, and I enjoy being with the residents," says Linda. "They are all individuals, each one brings something special to my job. You laugh with some and cry with others. They make my job interesting. And Fair Oaks has offered me challenging opportunities that I might not have had other places."

Surprised and pleased to be chosen Employee of the Month, Linda said she never felt like she would have that honor bestowed on her. "My job is easy because I work with a lot of nice people, and I am proud to receive this honor," says Linda.

Linda Smith, who grew up in St. Albans, Vermont, is now a southerner and lives in Advance with her husband and son and daughter. She enjoys cooking for the family, crafts, and swimming.

Fair Oaks residents have the good fortune to enjoy Linda's soft spoken sensitivity, friendliness, and care. We congratulate her on this honor and are proud to have her on our staff.



KAREN JARRETT
Nursing Assistant, B-1
January, 1992

Karen Jarrett gives credit to her grandmother for her career achievements. However, Karen's sparkling personality and sweet smile indicate her success at work is all her own. Karen began working at BJH in April, 1990, as a nursing assistant on B-1. She had completed her training through Forsyth Technical School while she worked at Knollwood Hall. Karen says her grandmother taught her to work hard, to care for people, and to work for the things you want. "When the opportunity came to work with older people, I took it," says Karen. "I like working with the residents. They teach you a lot, and you can learn a lot from them. Listening to what older people say is one of the most important things I've learned at this job." Karen's enthusiasm for her work is evident when she describes how much she enjoys the busy and varied nature of the job, her favorite part being the people she is in contact with, both residents and staff.

Karen was born in Winston-Salem, attended West Forsyth High School, and now lives in Old Town. On her days off, Karen says she spends time with her grandmother, who is now 85, helping with whatever she can.

Surprised and pleased at being chosen Employee of the Month, Karen says, "I never expected this. I think it is very nice and a way of telling employees you're appreciated." Libby Carter, B-1 Unit Manager, describes Karen as a super employee and very much a self-starter. "Karen is very efficient and does the extra things which mean so much to the residents," says Libby.

BJH is happy to present this honor to Karen Jarrett, an employee we truly appreciate.

SUE's NEWS

VOLUNTEERS SWEETEN LIFE AT BJH

"Welcome to Sunday Sweets" may be the greeting you will hear if you visit BJH and Fair Oaks on the 1st Sunday of the month. This new project of Temple Emanuel Sisterhood in Winston-Salem brings residents, visitors, and volunteers together for a "sweet" time. Volunteers Edith Salzberg and Vivian Perlmutter served as hostesses for January and Kay Burk and Jeanne Reznick were pouring the tea and serving cake in February. The time is 2:30–4:00 in the Upper Commons. Visitors and residents are invited to come by and say hello.

West Forsyth High School Anchor Club members visit monthly bringing their own sweetness to BJH. In December, they sponsored "an afternoon for beauty" and residents lined up for their manicures receiving bright, new polish plus engaging conversation. "Short stories" was the program in January, and residents enjoyed the short but sweet story hour.

Volunteer Betty Roth provides a sweet treat for Fair Oaks residents each week. An outing for lunch and movies is an afternoon delight, and residents quickly sign up for this popular trip.

Selling sweets is a volunteer activity that needs additional assistance. Millie Slatkoff, volunteer, needs someone to join her in the General Store twice a month on Friday morning. Call and sweeten your life by volunteering with this or other activities. Call Sue or Arlene at 919/766-6401.



Rose Berzin (right) was one of the many residents who lined up for manicures given by the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club.



Fair Oaks resident Bernice Goldfinger enjoys a day out with volunteer Betty Roth.



Pamela Wolfman says volunteering in the General Store is fun. Try it!



Florence Weiner is enjoying being given a manicure by a member of the Anchor Club.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

1 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

2 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

4 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Leah Benamy, Synagogue, 10:30 a.m.

5 Leave for Friendship Circle, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

8 Brenner Concert, David Severt, Bluegrass Music, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

10 Leave for Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.

11 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

12 Horticultural Therapy Seminar, Commons Aud., 8:30 a.m.

13 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

15 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, Friendship Rm., 3 p.m.

16 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

17 Musical Performance, The Best of Broadway, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

18 Eve of Purim, Services in Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.

19 Purim Services in Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

20 Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem Pre-School, Purim Celebration, 10 a.m.

Purim Party, 2:30 p.m.

22 Brenner Concert, Alan Kaufman, Popular Songs, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

25 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi H. Scott White, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

26 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:15 a.m.



Bertha Lippman receives a cup of tea and a measure of sociability from one of the Anchor Club members at the November tea party.



Virginia Brown spends her time at Hanes Mall shopping and having lunch with volunteer Eric Pirchesky.



Mary Barrett (left) took a tour of the mall and enjoyed lunch with volunteer Evelyn Bascomb.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

7 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

8 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

10 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

12 Brenner Concert, Alex Axiotis, Harmonic Sounds, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

14 Leave for Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.

15 Comfort Clothing with Muriel Wagner, Spring and Summer Clothing, Friendship Rm., 1:30–3:30 p.m.

16 Leave for Friendship Circle, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

17 Good Friday Services, Friendship Rm., 11 a.m.

First Passover Seder, Commons Aud., 6:30 p.m.

18 Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

Second Passover Seder, Commons Aud., 6:30 p.m.

19 Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, Friendship Rm., 3 p.m.

20 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

22 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi H. Scott White, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

24 Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

26 Brenner Concert, Centennial Squares, Square Dancing, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

28 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:15 a.m.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in March and April:

MARCH

5 Years

Jean Moore, *RN, B-2*

4 Years

Leona Cook, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Maggie James, *Administration*

2 Years

Lynda Abrahamson, *Recreation*
Estella Carnes, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Ruth Chappell, *Nsg. Asst., FO*
Janice Lawson, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Dianne Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Ella Southern McCoy, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year

Valerie Caldwell, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Erica Hagstrom, *Dietary*
Wanda King, *Laundry*
Silas Williams, *Dietary*

APRIL

26 Years

Izora Moore, *Dietary*

21 Years

Linda Pinnix, *LPN, A-Wing*

12 Years

Martha Whitaker, *RN, B-2*

11 Years

Judy Howell, *LPN, FO*

9 Years

Anne Craver, *Pharmacy*

2 Years

Betty Boyer, *RN, B-2*
Adriene Cuthrell, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Minnie George, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*
Karen Jarrett, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Josie Johnson, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
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Linda Mann, *Administration*
Shelby Mullis, *LPN, A-Wing*
LaDonna Newsome, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Betty Shepherd, *Pharmacy*

1 Year

Mike Blevins, *Dietary*
Diane Cole, *Soc. Services*
Karla Hagstrom, *Dietary*
Stephanie Harvey, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*
Gloria Jarvis, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

ON THE HOME FRONT . . . New Staff Appointments Announced



Kathy Williamson, RN, A-Wing Unit Manager.



Peggy Bridges, Director of Staff Development.



Carol Bock, Activity Therapist.

Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathy Williamson to the position of Unit Manager for the A-wing nursing unit. As Director of Staff Development for the past three years, Kathy has provided BJH employees with continuing education through outstanding orientation, in-service, and training programs. Kathy, a registered nurse, has a B.S. degree in health management and is presently completing her B.S.N. degree. She began working at BJH in 1983 as a nurse on the A-wing unit. Kathy says she is very pleased about her new position. She is happy to return to A-wing to be reunited with old friends and to get to know new residents. "Each one of these residents has something to give. They make my day everyday," says Kathy.

BJH welcomes Peggy Bridges who joined the staff January, 1992, as the Director of Staff Development. Peggy brings to the Home a varied and extensive health care background with 30 years' experience as a registered nurse. Peggy received her degree in nursing from Charlotte Memorial Nursing School and has worked in critical care, long-term care, rehabilitation, and education during her career. She has been an instructor in the School of Nursing, a clinical nurse specialist, and an assistant director of nursing at Forsyth Memorial Hospital and an administrator at Upjohn Health Care. Peggy says she knew when she walked into BJH that she wanted to be here because the residents were well cared for. She is happy to be at BJH and is extremely impressed with the quality of care and the friendliness of the staff.

Carol Bock, a familiar face at BJH, will now become more recognizable to residents, staff, and visitors. Carol has worked at BJH as a part-time activity therapist since August, 1991. On January 6, Carol assumed the position of full-time activity therapist working on the B-2 unit. Carol completed course work in December for a double major and will receive her degrees, a B.A. in psychology and a B.S. in therapeutic recreation, from Winston-Salem State University in May. Carol, who lives in Mocksville, comes to this area from Illinois where she grew up. Carol says she is happy to be able to be at BJH full time and she is enjoying learning more about the job and spending more time with the residents.



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Director of Development

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Fair Oaks Commons
6:00 p.m.
Adults $10.00 per Seder
Children $5.00 per Seder
RSVP by April 2

May 5
Greensboro Men's Sports Night
Temple Emanuel, Greensboro
Dave Odom, Guest Speaker

May 10
Parent's Day Brunch
Fair Oaks Commons
12:15 p.m.
Adults $8.00
Children $4.00
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Ground Chuck (1 lb. pkg.)	3.59	
Shoulder Roast - Boneless	5.39	
Rib Top Roast - Boneless	5.19	
Chuck Eye Roast	4.79	
Brisket - 1st Cut	6.99	
Yankee Pot Roast - Boneless	4.99	
Chuck Steak - Boneless	3.99	
Chuck Steak w/Bone	3.39	
Chuck Cubed Steak	5.49	
London Broil	5.59	
Minute Steaks	5.89	
Rib Steaks - Med. 3/4"	6.19	
Rib Steaks - Thick 1'	6.19	
BBQ Ribs - Plain	2.99	
BBQ Short Ribs - Plain	4.99	
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Stew - Boneless	3.99	
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Lamb Chops 1st Cut	8.99	
Lamb Chops 2nd Cut	5.89	
Lamb Chops - Shoulder	5.99	
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Veal Breast Halves	3.79	
Veal Chops - 1st Cut	8.99	
Veal Chops - Shoulder	5.49	
Veal - Ground	4.99	
Veal Scalapini	10.99	
Veal Steak - Cutlets	9.99	
Veal Stew - Boneless	5.49	
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Chicken Legs	1.79	
Chicken Drumsticks	1.89	
Turkey Drumsticks	1.59	
Turkey Wings	1.29	
Cut up fryers	2.19	
Whole Fryers	2.19	
Whole Pullets (3 1/2 - 4 1/2 lbs.)	2.19	
Breasts Split - 4 pieces	3.59	
Turkey Breast	2.99	
Cornish Hens	2.39	
BBQ Chicken	2.19	
BBQ Turkey	2.29	
Chicken Cutlets	6.19	
Chicken Wings	1.59	

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1 lb. Matzo	1.99	
5 lb. Matzo	9.89	
Tea Matzos	2.19	
Mini Matzo Cracker	2.19	
Matzo Cereal 13 oz.	2.39	
Crispy O's Cereal (Reg or Chocolate)	3.19	
STREITS		
1 lb. Matzo	1.89	
5 lb. Matzo	8.99	
Egg Matzo 12 oz.	2.19	
Whole Wheat Matzo (12 oz.)	2.19	
Matzo Farfel 1 lb.	2.19	
Cake Meal 1 lb.	2.19	
Matzo Meal 1 lb.	1.99	
Potato Starch 12 oz.	1.99	
Bag & Bake	1.19	
Soup Nuts (Mandlen) 1 oz.	1.09	
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OTHER MATZOS		
Yehuda Israeli Matzo's 1 lb.	1.99	
Goodman's Matzo 1 lb.	1.95	
Goodman's Matzo 5 lb.	9.59	
Horowitz Margareten Matzo 1 lb.	1.95	
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MIXES (Cakes, Cookies, Etc.)		
Yellow Cake Mix	3.29	
Marble Cake Mix	3.29	
Chocolate Brownie Cake Mix	3.29	
Chocolate Cake Mix	3.29	
Coffee Cake Mix	3.29	
Sponge Cake Mix	3.29	
Microwave Chocolate Brownies	3.29	
Honey Cake Mix	3.19	
Choc. Chocolate Chip Cookies	3.19	
Nutty Vanilla Cookies	3.19	
Griddle Cake Mix	3.19	
Muffin Mix	3.19	
Stuffing Mix	2.49	
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Almond Flavor Macaroons	3.19	
Chocolate/Chocolate Chip Macaroons	3.19	
Chocolate Chip Macaroons	3.19	
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Chocolate Covered Macaroons	3.19	
Choco-Nut Cookies	2.99	
Marble Mandel Cuts	2.99	
Chocolate Chip Cookies	2.99	
Jelly Tart Cookies	2.99	
Jumbo Kichel	3.19	
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Almond Mandel Loaf	3.19	
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Chocolate Brownies 14 oz.	5.29	
Seven Layer Cake 12 oz.	5.29	
Honey Cake (14 oz.)	5.29	
Black & White Cake	5.29	
Marble Cake	5.29	
Nut Cake	5.29	
Sponge Cake	5.29	
Chocolate Ice Cream (pint)	2.79	
Vanilla Ice Cream (pint)	2.79	

CANDY

Charles Potato Chips	1.49	
Chocolate Covered Cherries	2.29	
Bittersweet Chocolate Bars 1.5 oz.	0.69	
Almond Milk Chocolate Bars 3 oz.	1.19	
Milk Chocolate 3 oz.	1.19	
Chocolate Coins	0.59	
Bagged Sour Drops	1.89	
Fruit Filled Candy	1.19	
Chocolate Pops	2.39	
Gift Box	7.95	
Spearmint Gum (20)	3.49	
Bazooka Bubble Gum Regular or Grape	1.59	
Fruit Slices	2.39	
Raspberry Joys	0.49	
Ring Jells	2.49	
Swiss Milk Chocolate	2.29	
Pareve Torino Flavored Chocolate 3.5 oz.	2.29	
Sesame Crunch Bags	1.29	
Sesame Crunch Bars	0.49	
Real Chocolate Bits	2.39	
Barton's Almond Kisses	6.49	
Barton's Milk - Dark Assortment	6.49	
Barton's Nut Cluster	6.49	
Assorted Lollypops	1.19	

CONDIMENTS

Ketchup (14 oz.)	1.59	
Mayonnaise (8 oz.)	1.59	
(16 oz.)	2.29	
Dressings: Regular Italian, Low Calorie Italian, Low Calorie French, Regular Russian	1.69	
Apricot, Plum, or Peach Preserves	2.19	
Strawberry Preserves	2.29	
Grape Jam	2.19	
Red Cherry Preserves	2.99	
Wild Cherry Preserves	2.99	
Duck Sauce (40 oz.)	2.99	
Fox's U-bet (Choc. flavored syrup)	2.89	
Batampte 1/2 Sour Pickles	2.99	
Dill Pickles	3.19	
Season Deluxe Mix	3.29	
Red Horseradish	1.69	
White Horseradish	1.69	
Mrs. Adlers Cooking Sauce (plain or w/mushrooms)	2.99	
Small Pickled Eggplant	2.29	
Israeli Cukes in Vinegar	2.29	

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Apple Cider Vinegar (16 oz.)	1.09	
Pancake Syrup	2.99	
Kineret Coffee Whitener	1.49	
Honey (8oz.)	1.99	

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Chopped Liver Spread (6 oz.)	2.19	
Chopped Liver Spread (8 oz.)	2.59	
Chopped Liver Spread (12 oz.)	3.89	
Potato Latkes (24 oz.)	2.39	
Vegetarian Chopped Liver (7 oz.)	2.49	
Microwave Pot Roast Dinner	6.49	
Microwave Salisbury Steak Dinner	6.49	

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Black Pepper	1.99	
Cinnamon	1.99	
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Paprika	1.99	
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Kosher Salt	1.59	
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Wesson Cottonseed Oil (48 oz.)	4.59	
Baking Chocolate Bar (7 oz.)	2.69	

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Beef Salami (16 oz.)	3.79	
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Pike & Whitefish (24 oz.)	5.69	
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2 piece Old Vienna Pike & White (6.5 oz. Pop Top Can)	1.59	
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4 piece Old Vienna Gefilte Fish (14 oz. can)	2.99	
4 piece Whitefish & Pike (27 oz.)	4.99	
8 piece Whitefish & Pike (27 oz. can)	4.99	
6 piece Old Vienna Whitefish & Pike (24 oz. jar)	4.99	
8 piece Old Vienna Gefilte Fish (27 oz. can)	4.99	
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Blueback Salmon (3.5 oz.)	3.89	
Tomato Sardines	1.59	
Brisling Sardines (1.5 oz,)	1.39	
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Memorial (Yahrzeit)	0.69	
Sabbath (12's)	0.89	
Sabbath (72's)	4.49	
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Tabatchnick Chicken Dumpling	1.59	
Tabatchnick Cream of Broccoli	1.59	
Tabatchnick Potato Soup	1.59	
Tomato Mushroom Sauce	1.39	
Mashed Potatoes (Reg. or Chicken/Onion)	1.99	
Potato Pancake Mix	1.99	
GELATIN		
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Lemon	0.99	
Lime	0.99	
Cherry	0.99	
Strawberry	0.99	
Unflavored	0.99	
Sugar Free Cherry	0.99	
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SODA		
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Canada Dry Ginger Ale(1 ltr)	1.29	
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Grated Parmesean Cheese	3.89	
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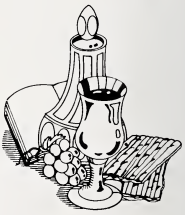
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Editorial



The Meaning of Passover

by Rabbi H. Scott White
Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C.

"My ancestor was a wandering Aramean who went with his small family down to Egypt and there became a great nation."

These words mark the chronological starting point from which we retell the sacred history of our people, as we sit 'round the Seder table each Passover. With the aid of our taste buds, on Passover we relive the experience of the earliest Jews, celebrating their passage from slavery to freedom.

Early in the Seder, bitter herbs recall for an instant the bitterness of our ancestors' servitude under a cruel Pharaoh. Parsley dipped in salt water gives us a taste of their tears. Charoset conjures up the consistency of the mortar used to make the bricks of slavery. Matza conveys to us the abject aridness of their poverty and affliction.

But, by the time we're ready to begin the festive meal, the bitter taste of subjugation has been displaced by the sweet sensation of freedom. Raising the shankbone, then consuming the hard boiled egg—both symbols of worshipful offerings to God—we remind ourselves how our ancestors' subjugation ultimately ended not only in their rescue, but in their adoption as God's treasured people.

The story told, the meal now begins in earnest. Chrain is splashed over gefilte fish. Piping hot matza ball soup is carried in from the kitchen. Families' favorite main recipes and Pesach dessert specialties are savored. Finally, the Afikoman is found and consumed. Plates are cleared and the Seder winds down as the Haggadah is taken up again for the Grace after Meals and a regimen of prayers of praise and remembrance. Lastly, the challenge is issued: Ehad Mi Yodeah—who can say all thirteen in one breath?

Seder nights epitomize family togetherness, making for marker occasions when grandparents and other relatives measure the children's progress during the past year. Notice how well the youngest reads the Mah Nishtana, how insightful the comments of the older children. Will anyone drink too much wine this year? Who will find the Afikoman? Being close to family is being close to God. Pesach Seder truly is a religious experience.

Moreover, the Seder is a deeply effective educational experience. Many an educator has marveled at the capacity of the Passover Seder to impart both cognitive knowledge and affective feeling in its participants. Observers credit the educational benefits of the Seder with playing an important role in the longevity of the Jewish people.

It's hard to disagree with that observation. Attending the Pesach Seder is like taking a yearly refresher course on the origins of the Jewish heritage. It marks a symbolic starting point for renewing one's appreciation of the continuum of Jewish history from Abraham to Moses to Rabbi Akiva to Maimonides to Solomon Schechter to one's own life.

Sadly, just as for many Jews the Seder symbolizes the starting point of a yearly renewed appreciation of our sacred history, for others it stands as the ending point, as well. Surveys reflect the fact that the Passover Seder is the sole act of Jewish expression in the lives of a sizeable proportion of Jews. Yes, one can find a sliver of the positive in that fact; were it not for the Seder, these Jews would likely be totally alienated from their heritage.

But the reality is that it points to a deeply disturbing fact, which calls for sober analysis. We begin by raising the question: if the pundits are correct in their observations about the educational benefits of the Seder, then why do Jews keep slipping away nevertheless?

Perhaps one explanation lies in the fact that the Seder is for many, many Jews both the beginning and end of any serious study of Jewish history. Dozens of books on Jewish history, both for the scholar and the layman, pour off printing presses every year. But not nearly enough of them find their way into the hands of Jewish readers.

Not pursuing the study of Jewish history beyond the Exodus experience is like being asked to tell one's life story and responding, "At one I learned to walk, at two I learned to talk, at five years old I went to kindergarten, and the rest, as they say, is history." It's a great beginning, but there's little more to hold one's interest.

The purpose of the Passover Seder goes beyond recalling merely the origins of Jewish history. We must strive to learn more, and this is precisely what appetite the Seder is meant to whet. Learning about Judaism's rich past is the most surefire way to ascertain Judaism will have a rich future.

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Pharaoh Urging Moses to Depart.
Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel, and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. (Exodus 12:31).
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This Year in Jerusalem—New immigrants from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union get their first taste of an Israeli Passover at the model seder at Ulpan Etzion. Funds from Operation Exodus brought them to Israel and are speeding their adjustment to life in Israel.
UJA Press Service/David Hass, 3/92

Insert:
Operation Exodus

From the Editor

Menachim Begin 1913-1992

Jerusalem—Israel buried one of its greatest leaders in March, Menachim Begin, who rose from the ranks of the fighters to take over the reins of government as a hardliner who gave up more land than is Israel's today to Egypt in order to bring about peace between the two nations.

A recluse since 1982, the year his wife Aliza died, he left his domicile only on the anniversary of her death to visit her gravesite.

A repeat of the heart attack which felled him in 1977 brought his death. He was 78 years old.

Two other notable decisions marked his career as Prime Minister. One was the invasion of Lebanon, which while successful militarily was a disaster for Israel and is deeply regretted. The other was the air strike which destroyed the embryo nuclear reactor Iraq was building.

He was born in Brest-Litovsk in 1913. He reached Israel in 1942, where he assumed command of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi and took over the campaign against British rule.

He was co-founder of the Herut Party in 1948 and maintained his leadership during all of his active career.

To the Editor

Christian-Jewish Lectures

Please let me take a minute to thank you for the help you gave us in publicizing Covenant Presbyterian's recent Adult Education Series: *Christian and Jewish Theology in a Post-Holocaust World.*

Two-hundred people attended each of the eight sessions and about a dozen local members of the Jewish community attended the entire program. We are grateful to you for your part in helping get the word out.

We were presented many enlightening and often frightening concepts which questioned both Jewish and Christian traditions but I am confident both Jew and Christian were well served by this effort. I hope we can expand on this program in the future. We may find it rewarding to continue this study in the light of our common religious origins.

Thank you again for your generous assistance. As we develop new programs of mutual interest, we will make a special effort to share them with you.

Sincerely,
Maurice D. Ewing (2/23/92)

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Seder Meal

Seder Plate

Charoset
Shank bone (of lamb, or neck of chicken or turkey)
Roasted egg
Bitter herbs (horseradish root)
Karpas (piece of celery)
Greens (sprig of parsley)
Elijah's cup (cup of wine may be placed in center of plate)

Ashkenazi Charoset

6 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
3 Tbsp. sugar or honey
1 tsp. cinnamon
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 cup chopped walnuts
Red Passover wine

Mix all ingredients, adding wine to bring to desired consistency.

Israeli Charoset

1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
3 bananas, diced
12 dates, chopped
1/4 cup raisins
Juice and rind of 1/2 lemon
1 cup almonds, chopped
1/2 cup dry or sweet Passover wine
1 tsp. cinnamon
Sugar or honey to taste
Matzo meal

Combine fruits and nuts and blend in wine and matzo meal to the desired consistency.

Above recipes from Naomi Arbit of Milwaukee, author of seven cookbooks.

Dinner Menu

Pescado con Agristada
Chicken Soup with Matzo balls
Tossed Salad
Burgundy Brisket
Sweet Stuffed Cabbage
Lemon Asparagus
Matzo
Poires Bourgignonne

Pescado con Agristada
(Traditional fish course for Seder in Turkey and Greece)

Poaching liquid and fish

1-1/2 cups water
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1/2 tsp. salt
Pinch of ground black pepper
2 lbs. skinless fish fillets, cut into serving-sized pieces

Sauce

2 large eggs, well beaten
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1 Tbsp. Matzo cake meal
3 Tbsp. water

To poach the fish, combine water, oil, lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper in large, deep skillet. Add fish fillets. Bring liquid to boil; then lower heat and cover skillet. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes, or until just cooked through, but not falling apart. Transfer fish with slotted spoon to a deep serving dish. Reserve the broth.

For the sauce, beat the eggs and lemon juice together in a medium-sized bowl. In a small bowl, mix cake meal and water to make a creamy paste. Stir the paste into the egg-lemon mixture. Then gradually stir in about 1/2 cup of the hot fish broth. Stirring constantly, add all the egg-lemon mixture back to remaining fish broth and stir over low heat until the sauce has thickened. Adjust seasonings, if necessary. Pour sauce over fish. Serve hot or, as is more customary, refrigerate the fish and sauce, and serve them chilled.

*From **The Jewish Holiday Cookbook,** by Gloria Kaufer Greene, Times Book.*

Burgundy Brisket

1 cup dry red Passover wine
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 bay leaves
2 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced
6 lbs. brisket, first cut

Line a roasting pan with enough foil to hang 4-5 inches over the sides. Pour in wine, water, salt, pepper, bay leaves and garlic. Stir and place brisket in, fat side up. Spoon some liquid over and close foil to seal tightly.

Cook in 325°F. oven for 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until tender. Timing depends on thickness of brisket.

When done, should pierce easily with fork.

Sweet Stuffed Cabbage

1 small cabbage, steamed
5 sweet potatoes, baked and peeled
3/4 cup raisins
1 cup pineapple chunks
2 apples, chopped
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon
29 oz. tomato sauce
1 cup water
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped

TEST YOUR PASSOVER KNOWLEDGE

1. How many years were the Jewish people in Egypt?
2. What was the livelihood of the Hebrews before they were enslaved?
3. What is made from bulrushes?
4. What were the names of the brother, sister, mother, and father of Moses?
5. What was the name of Pharaoh's daughter and why was she bathing in the Nile?
6. Where did Moses find haven from Pharaoh after he slew the taskmaster and how many years did he spend there?
7. From what type of bush did God first speak to Moses?
8. What brought Moses back to Egypt and how old was he when he first appeared before Pharaoh as the leader of the Hebrews?
9. By what name is the month of the Exodus identified in the Torah?
10. What is the average amount of Matza eaten by a Jew during Passover.

ANSWERS TO PASSOVER QUESTIONS

1. Approximately 400 years.
2. Shepherds and Herdsmen.
3. Paper.
4. Aaron, Miriam, Yocheved and Amram.
5. Egyptian name was Thermutis, but the Jews later referred to her as Bithia (or Batya). She had leprosy and was not allowed to bathe in hot water in the palace.
6. He fled to Midian and spent 40 years in exile.
7. Thorn.
8. The call from God to liberate his people. He was 80.
9. Nisan.
10. Five pounds per person.

This is abridged from United Synagogue Review, Spring 1988.

Steam head of cabbage until leaves are soft. Mix together cooked sweet potatoes, pineapple, apples, raisins and cinnamon. Stuff leaves with mixture. Lay in deep baking dish. Mix tomato sauce with water and pour over cabbage so leaves remain moist. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

*From **Jewish Vegetarians,** Baltimore, Md.*

Lemon Asparagus

1 lb. fresh asparagus
1/4 tsp. salt
Lemon sauce

Wash asparagus. Peel off outer skin below the tip with vegetable peeler. Trim tough ends. Place asparagus in a small amount of boiling, salted water (tie asparagus with white string and stand upright in a tall pot, or place flat in large skillet). Cover and cook for 6 minutes or until tender. Serve with lemon sauce, below.

Lemon Sauce

1 Tbsp. potato starch
4 Tbsp. pareve Passover margarine
1 cup hot water
Juice and grated peel of 1 large lemon

In a small saucepan, mix potato starch with 1 tbsp. cold water. Add margarine and cook over medium heat, stirring until it begins to thicken. Gradually stir in hot water. Add lemon juice and grated peel, and stir until well blended. Makes 1-1/2 cups.

*From **Passover 1991,** ShopRite, N.J., Conn., Del., N.Y., Pa., Ma.*

Poires Bourguignonne
(Pears Poached in Red Wine)

6 medium-sized barely ripe pears, peeled
1-1/2 cups sweet red Passover wine
1/3 cup honey or generous 1/3 cup sugar
1-1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. grated orange rind
2 3" cinnamon sticks or 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Remove seeds from each pear by carving a small hole in the bottom. Leave the pears whole. In a large saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add the pears and cover the pan. Lower the heat and simmer the pears for 15 to 20 minutes, basting them often with the wine syrup. The pears are done when they are tender but not mushy. The exact time will depend on the type of pear. Cool the pears in the wine syrup. Serve lukewarm, at room temperature, or chilled, with a little of the cooking syrup poured over each pear.

*From **The Jewish Holiday Cookbook,** by Gloria Kaufer Greene, Times Books*



Russian newcomers in Jerusalem get their first introduction to Passover at a model seder at Ulpan Etzion. UJA Press Service/David Haas, 3/92

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(To be recited during the Seder at Yachatz—when breaking the middle Matzah)

We are about to take the middle matzah and divide it in half. As we break this matzah and set it aside, we link ourselves symbolically with all Jews who have lived in the former Soviet Union. We will not conclude our Seder until the missing piece of matzah is found and brought again to our table. That action reminds us of the indestructible unity which binds all Jews together as a world family.

In Jewish tradition, matzah is "the bread of affliction," used on the road to redemption. As we celebrate Pesach, our festival of freedom, we know that the theme of the Exodus resonates in all that is happening around us.

Jews of the Soviet Union resisted decades of suppression. Struggling to live as Jews, many sought valiantly to leave for Israel, the homeland of the Jewish people. Many suffered harassment; some endured prison and some lost their lives.

At last, most Jews can leave the place that represented a prison for so long. For now, the door to freedom remains open. We walk with them in their Exodus. Through Operation Exodus, we commit ourselves to help them in their quest for a new and better future for themselves and their children.

We also remember the several million Jews who still remain behind. We pledge our vigilance, our support, and our solidarity with them, as they endeavor to sustain their community and courageously resist anti-Semitism.

As Jews from the former Soviet Union and other countries settle in Israel by the hundreds of thousands, we know that their reunification with the Jewish people requires our caring and loving concern. May we be worthy of that challenge.

We pray that all Jews may find freedom this year—in a world without war and with Israel at peace.

Am Yisrael Hu Am Echad.

May the Jewish people always be united!

Prepared by the United Jewish Appeal Rabbinic Cabinet and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in honor of Operation Exodus and in prayer for world peace—Pesach 5752-Passover 1992.

Yom HaShoah 5752
April 30, 1992

N.C. Council on the Holocaust State Observance, April 26 Raleigh, N.C.
by Runia Vogelhut

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council encourages you to join in the traditional, annual, nationwide Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust from Sunday, April 26 through Sunday, May 3, 1992. These observances will mark in particular the unprecedented and cruel events of fifty years ago—1942—when the world was engulfed in war and Nazi Germany was engaged in the full implementation of "Final Solution of the Jewish Question." This Nazi state policy resulted in the systematic murder of six million Jews, hundreds of thousands of Gypsies and millions more labeled by the Nazis to be "unworthy of life."

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust will hold its annual State Observance of the Holocaust on Sunday, April 26 at the North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center at 4 p.m.

Speaking at this year's Yom HaShoah Observance will be internationally known author, lecturer and journalist, Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, professor of religious studies at Occidental College. Dr. Lipstadt is the consultant to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

She has lectured at universities throughout the U.S., England, Canada, Australia and Israel. Dr. Lipstadt is famous for her extraordinary book, *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust.* In the book she examines how the American press covered the news of the persecution of European Jewry between the years 1933 and 1945 and addresses the question, "What did people know and when did they know it?"

Dr. Lipstadt is currently writing a book on the Holocaust revisionists—those who deny that the Holocaust ever happened.

The N.C. Council on the Holocaust encourages the entire community to attend the Yom HaShoah Commemoration.

Holocaust Exhibition Durham, N.C.
by Daniel J. Rettberg
Rare Materials Catalog Librarian
Perkins Library, Duke University

From April 27-May 22 the Duke University Libraries in Durham, N.C. will be featuring an exhibition of books and materials from their collections related to the Holocaust.

The Departments of Special Collections, Public Documents and Maps in the Perkins Library on Duke's West Campus and the Lilly Library on Duke's East Campus are organizing the most striking of their Holocaust related materials around a common theme of "The Holocaust: Images and Reality." The Perkins Library curators will arrange their materials around a loose historical structure, i.e. materials related to the development of "Race theory" in Germany before and during the Nazi period, the events of the Holocaust as presented by concentration camp inmates in the form of art, post-war publications by survivors and others, and post-war art related to Holocaust themes. They will also include materials from the Public Documents collection illustrating the degree of awareness of Nazi persecution on the part of Allied leaders.

The Lilly Library curators will focus on books and materials from their collections documenting the "degenerate art" campaign which the Nazis mounted in an effort to censor artistic expression during the time of the Holocaust. The exhibition will be open for viewing in the gallery at the entrance to Perkins Library on Duke's West Campus, as well as in the Lilly Library exhibition cases on Duke's East Campus. The Libraries are open from 9-5, Monday-Friday, and selectively at other times. Please contact Perkins Library Circulation Desk to confirm weekend and evening hours (919) 684-2947.

The Duke Libraries will also, together with the Duke Center for Judaic Studies, sponsor a lecture by Joan Ringelheim of the National Holocaust Museum. Her topic will be: "Memory and Silence: Women and the Holocaust." The lecture will take place on Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in room 139 of the Social Sciences Building on Duke's West Campus.

Holocaust Commemoration Charlotte, N.C.
by Joan Maultsby

A brief interfaith Holocaust Commemoration Service will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, April 30 at the Uptown Square. This service will be a reminder for us not to become complacent with our freedom and quality of life.

Sydnor Thompson will be the keynote speaker for the event. It is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, The Charlotte Jewish Federation, Mecklenburg Ministries, and Charlotte Area Clergy Association. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

In addition, the community is urged to call (704) 332-4420 for Holocaust educational material and speakers to use in commemorating the Holocaust at places of worship during the week of April 26-May 3 (or whenever possible). This is an effort to involve as much of the community as possible in learning more about the Holocaust and what we can do to prevent a recurrence. Program participants include Muslims, Baha'is, Christians and Jews.

Woe unto us! We are able. We can resist
and even kill you. We, too!
We too!
But we can do what you never could and
never will—not kill!
Not exterminate a helpless people who
raise their eyes in vain on high.
You cannot keep from killing. You're
born criminals. You must wave the
sword forever.

Yitzhak Katzenelson
The Song of the Murdered Jewish People
Reprinted from *Bearing the Unbearable*
by Frieda W. Aaron (SUNY)

A Visit to Romania

by Carla Rodio

The letter was headed "A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS TO A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ROMANIA." This letter was a reply to my request for information from the Romanian Ministry of Tourism. A cheap air fare had offered me the opportunity to visit Europe. I wanted to see as much as I could in three weeks. One of my goals was to visit the city from which my grandfather emigrated more than 100 years ago. At that time the city, Arad, was in Hungary. After WW I and the breakup of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Arad became part of Romania. I had learned, also, that there was one remaining relative living in Arad. This was an opportunity to meet this last surviving relative and to discover some of my "roots." A letter was also sent to her and I soon received a cordial reply welcoming a visit from "my dear relations." An additional brochure from the Romanian Ministry of Tourism assured me, "Today Arad is one of the main industrial, cultural and tourist centres in Romania." It was all very encouraging in the shelter of my American home. What I saw was very different.

It was a cold, overcast December 1991 morning when my sister, brother-in-law and I arrived at the Budapest Keleti train station to board the train to Arad. We found seats in a very dirty, rickety first class coach. Our trip became a grueling six hour journey on poorly maintained tracks. After the train left the city, we found ourselves travelling over a vast alluvial plain. It was as flat and featureless as our own midwest. We saw fields of unharvested crops and fields that had been plowed, stretching to the horizon. No buildings were visible for miles. It was a frosty looking "no man's land." Occasionally, a shepherd, crook in hand, was seen tending his flock. Now and then gleaners were seen pulling unharvested ears of corn from their stalks. Macadam roads turned to mud. Horse drawn wagons replaced trucks. I felt we had gone back 100 years.

The tyranny of the Romanian government is evident from the moment you reach the border. Numerous customs officials question you, examine your baggage, and yank up coach seats looking for hidden contraband. It took more than an hour for this process, even though we were the only first class coach passengers by the time we reached the border. There weren't many people in second class either. During the whole time, guards in jungle fatigues stood outside making sure no one boarded or left the train.

Arad lies just 17 Km. from the border and was reached not long after going through customs. On the outskirts of the city we saw factory buildings with broken windows, rusting storage tanks and machinery. The train pulled in front of a large, grimy station. As we stepped to the platform, coke laden air filled our nostrils and filtered the daylight. Many people were milling about on the platform and inside. We saw women in shawls, long dresses and aprons. We wove our way among babbling people and the stands of enterprising hawkers selling digital watches, socks, cigarettes, etc. Fortunately, we found an English speaking taxi driver who took us first to the bank to change money. He drove, carefully dodging potholes, past the WW II monument to slain Russian soldiers. We passed the large, once grand concert hall which hinted at the city's important past. At the bank, we found lines of people trying to exchange their Lei for hard currency. According to the taxi driver, gasoline prices had gone from 50 Lei to 150 Lei the previous day. Inflation was in full bloom. We received 270 Lei for each dollar exchanged. The largest bank note is a 100 Lei bill. Stuffing the newly acquired paper money into my wallet was impossible. My hotel bill for overnight and breakfast the next morning was 9,000 Lei ($34).



Margareta Braun

We checked into the Parc Hotel. After we stored our belongings in our rooms, we set out on foot to find our relative. We walked past dirty, grimy and cracked buildings and courtyard walls. We passed dimly lit shops with little or nothing on display. With the help of some passing people we managed to find the house and then the door of our relative. She is 85 year old Margareta Braun, a petite and vivacious lady who greeted us in English. We soon learned she speaks Romanian, Hungarian and German as well. She welcomed us into her one room apartment. It is part of a large building which is divided into several apartments. As she passed back and forth to bring out tea and food, she recounted family history and personal anecdotes. She had known my grandfather, who had died before I was born. It was he who had taught her when very young to sing "Yankee Doodle." Her family had been merchants living in comfortable circumstances. The family home was a large Victorian structure near the river. Under the Communists, all private property was confiscated by the state. So she had to give up her home and move into the one room apartment where she has been for 50 years. She took everything she could stuff into the space in which she now lives. A grand piano dominates the

clutter of filled bookcases, family heirlooms, credenzas, clocks, a large portrait of a young Margareta, table, chairs and bed. Old photos, letters and mementos of family and other days are collected in boxes and drawers. In the corner sits a small ceramic tile stove fed with wood. It is the only heat available in the room. You are warm if you sit near it, cold when at a distance. She carries a small portable electric heater into the kitchen and bathroom in the back. Despite these cramped and cold quarters, she cherishes her independence and having a "home" of her own. She teaches German to the young people who are interested in emigrating. She uses songs, games and stories to enrich her instruction. Once a day a hot meal is delivered. She has a full and active life for a woman her age. She presented us with a skillfully constructed family tree which goes back to the ancestors we share. What a prize! Here were the roots and the tree. A gift that we and our descendants will treasure.

How had she managed to survive the atrocities of WW II? "Well," she said "the Germans saved me." That was stunning news after all I had learned about Nazi brutality! It seems that the Romanian peasants had rounded up all the Jews and planned to kill them. Before they could carry out this murderous plan, the Germans arrived and released the Jews. It was fortunate for Margareta, but her husband was taken to slave labor. He did return after a couple of years, but the Germans came for him again. This upset him so badly that he had a fatal heart attack. Despite her difficult life, Margareta has lived with dignity and spirit. She pins her hopes for the future on her aspiring students. The memory of her and how she has triumphed is a legacy I will always cherish.

Carla Rodio of Hendersonville, N.C. is an award-winning exhibitor of her Quilts. She has published articles and photos of her wall hangings appear in books on Quilts. She holds a B.Ed. from State University of N.Y., taught elementary school for many years, and is a Certified Quilting Instructor.

Arad, Sept. 6. 1991

Dear Carla, Johanna and her Husband !

Your nice letter was a surprising joy for me and i appreciate your nostalgic intention to get acquainted with the roots of our family. Through cousin G.Micki i heard from the sad decease of your Father Fred, i express my sympathie.

Your late aunt Elissabeth always informed me about the family members and so I know who you are.

I am very sorry a have to disappoint you, because the Goldschmidt houses that were situated in the main street were pulled down at about 20 years ago and there is now a supermarket building. One cannot more recognize the place. when Lee Dr. Goldsmith in 1966 was here she could still see the house where she was born, she was even in it.

i myself I am a 85 years old sickly and trembling woman, living alone in a small one room modest appartments.

If you decide yet to visit our town and me I'll do my best possible to welcome you as my dear relations. i suppose your travelling agency provide for a hotelroom stay.

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- Sephardic Diaspora: The Legacy in East and West

Dr. Jane Gerber is the professor of Jewish History and director of the Institute for Sephardic Studies of the City University of New York Graduate Center.

She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wellesley College, and received an MA degree from Harvard University in Middle Eastern Studies. Her doctorate was earned at Columbia University in Jewish and Islamic History.

She was a Durant Scholar and has served Fellowships at Yale, Radcliffe, Columbia and had a Wellesley Horton-Hallowell Fellowship in College Teaching, plus a National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship in Arabic.

Among many others, she has served as visiting professor at Werner Heritage Foundation Leadership Development in Pittsburg and Indianapolis, Sarah Lawrence College, Yeshiva University and Columbia, and has been a frequent lecturer at B'nai B'rith Institutes.

She has many books to her credit: *Jewish Society in Fez, The Heritage of the Jews of Spain, Jewish History: Sephardic and Oriental Studies, Politics and Pluralism in Israel,* and, to be published, *The Jews of Spain.*

She is also presently the Curator of Pre-Expulsion portion of an exhibition entitled "Golden Threads, A Tapestry of Sephardic Experience," which is opening at the Smithsonian at the end of May.

DR. ORI ZARAH SOLTES



- The Culture of the Golden Age
- Sephardic Language, Literature and Music After the Expulsion
- Sephardic Art and Architecture in the Sephardic Diaspora

Dr. Ori Soltes has divided his career between teaching Jewish Studies courses at the university level and serving as curator for exhibits at many Jewish museums.

He received his bachelor's degree from Haverford College, his master's from Princeton University, and his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in Classics. He has taught almost every kind of Jewish Studies course imaginable at Cleveland College of Jewish Studies since 1983, and as visiting lecturer at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland State University. He has served as consultant or guest curator at Jewish museums in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Buffalo and Chicago, designing such exhibits as *"Spirit and Survival: The Jews of Eastern Europe," "The Jews of North Africa," "Symbols of Faith: Menorah, Icon, Prayer Rug,"* and *"Betzal-El: The Birth of Israeli Art."*

Soltes was recently appointed director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C.

In addition to writing and publishing scholarly papers and catalogs of his exhibits, Soltes is also a film-maker, having written, directed and narrated a 26-part video course on the history of Jewish art and architecture, and several documentaries on Jewish subjects. He speaks, reads, and writes eight languages, reads seven others, and has a reasonable knowledge of five esoteric languages including Hittite, Coptic, and Luwian.

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



I entered Tooley's Cafe in Hendersonville, N.C. a few weeks ago with the anticipation of a lunchtime interview with an interesting older couple. What I got was an hour with Mr. and Mrs. James Bond.

No, Peter and Sylvia Meyer were never spies or involved in espionage, but the stories they rolled out while I munched down on my patty melt had the electric charge of a 1950 "Victory at Sea" television show.

I first met Sylvia and Peter when I was invited as a guest to participate in the discussion of an Isaac Bashevis Singer short story during Temple Beth ha-Tephila's Friendship Circle one weekend. When I did my pitch to see if anyone had an interesting story for my column, one lady said that Sylvia ought to tell me all about her "other life." That perked my curiosity. It should have.

Sylvia Meyer was about 25 when she left the New York City Public Health Service where she had been a nurse to join the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an organization that had been helping Jews since it was established in 1914 for war relief. It basically helped displaced Jewish persons with food, clothing and books. When Sylvia came aboard in 1947, she had a new and exciting project. What if refugee women in these camps were offered training to become licensed practical nurses? The degree would give them a means of support and a means to enter countries that would take them if they had a vocation and would not be a burden on society. The Rothschild Hospital in Paris would house the school with French instructors. What they needed, though, was the help of someone in the nursing field that was willing to travel, encourage enrollment of women in the displaced persons' camps in Germany, and who also could speak Yiddish. Sylvia Meyer to the rescue!

The European headquarters for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was Paris but for the most part Sylvia traveled extensively interviewing these prospective women, many of whom had no remaining families. Some had been "felshers" in Russia which would be the equivalent today of physicians' assistants, some had been midwives; all needed the help of a caring soul like Sylvia. Perhaps if they could obtain degrees, countries like Australia and the United States would admit them for a new start in life. Sylvia also participated in setting up well-baby clinics and health facilities in these camps as some were marrying, having to stay in these camps for long periods of time, unwanted by much of the world.

Sylvia's world mission did not stop here. In 1950 the Iraqi Jews were expelled. The more fortunate Jews went to France or Israel, but those Jews with no money became transient nomads once again. The Shah of Iran did finally allow a temporary camp to be established in a Jewish cemetery. The French organization, Alliance Israelite, did run some schools in Iran but health care facilities were again dangerously lacking. Sylvia Meyer played an important part in establishing clinics to give inoculations and other measures to keep these people alive. When there was an epidemic of malaria in Aden, an English protectorate on the Red Sea, Sylvia was a representative on the U.S. Public Health Service's team to find the source and stop the spread of this vicious disease. She helped find the contaminated water source. This story was described in a book entitled, *The Magic Carpet.*

Sylvia continued her work with the poor Iranian Jews who were not allowed to be treated in Moslem hospitals. She helped cure hundreds of cases of trachoma, a communicable eye disease that kept many from immigrating to other countries. From 1947 to 1952 young Sylvia Meyer was a living *mitzvah* for humans in need.

"Then, she came back to America and made her biggest step, she married me," Peter says with a gentle twinkle in his eye. "Peter," I said, "did you have a story to tell me, too?" With an even bigger twinkle, he said, "Well, I was captured by a submarine on my way to America." I scrambled for more paper and finished my patty melt with a final gulp.

"The Saturday Evening Post," he said, "had a story on this in the Spring months of 1940." Prior to Peter's arrival in New York on January 17, 1940, Peter was randomly selected to interrupt his journey and cruise the ocean by way of submarine. The British were looking at this time for German spies in the straits of Gilbraltar. The Italian liner he was scheduled to board on his way to America did not make Trieste. He and others scheduled for the liner had to chase across Italy, frantically trying to catch it at another port. He finally boarded. One evening just after supper as they left the Azores, the engines of the liner stopped. There was much horror as they thought they were to be boarded by the crew of a German sub. As it turned out, it was a French submarine. Just as they breathed a sigh of relief, the loudspeaker came on. "Mr. Attilio Bowinkel, come to the bridge at once." Bowinkel was the only non-Jewish person in Peter's group. Next, "Mr. Peter Meyer, come to the bridge at once." Peter did so to find an armed, bearded Frenchman wildly articulating with the captain of his ship. He and others were told to take whatever belongings they needed from their cabins; a French sailor accompanying them as they did so. For ten days, they roamed the seas on that French sub. The captain told them they were under orders to find spies and had picked his name at random. There were no showers, and toilets just emptied to the sea. "The wine was great, though," Peter intertwines. Finally they docked in Casablanca where they were interrogated about things like what kind of guns the German armies used. Peter



Peter and Sylvia Meyer

said he lost his cool at this question, telling the interrogators what would a Jew know about that. Finally, all agreed Peter was no spy. This still meant Peter needed to catch up with the Italian liner or would have to forfeit his ticket. To these questions, the French would simply say, "C'est la guerre" (It's the war!). A French destroyer finally agreed to let Peter and his fellow captives ride until he could catch the Italians. On to America. On to Sylvia.

"Well, that's our story," the quiet unassuming couple said as I sat admiringly. I drove back to Asheville mulling over how simple my personal entry into America had been. The only thing unusual about my birth in Sylva, N.C. was that years later the hospital was turned into a steak house complete with salad bar in the delivery room. It was a sunny quiet afternoon as I pulled into my air conditioned thickly carpeted condo with clubhouse and landscaping. As I opened the front door to tell my wife, Denissa, about having lunch with a lady that spent months in displaced person's camps offering them new hope; with a lady who shyly told me about tracking malaria and curing trachoma in an Iranian cemetery that was home to hundreds, I found it contrasted greatly with life as I now know it. A simple lunch at a simple cafe had given me a gift, a vision into what life had been before me. I was offered a new perspective, a new appreciation of those that had paved the way for me to enjoy my quiet sunny and safe afternoon.

A few days later, I was able to locate the *Saturday Evening Post* article Peter had mentioned, on microfilm at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Between the ads for $7.85 Men's Bostonian leather shoes and the Celotex Company offering to insulate an entire house for $99, I found "Prisoner on a Submarine" by Hugo Bleiberg in the March 23, 1940 issue. The young engineer from Berlin mentioned was Peter Meyer.

I am a lucky man. I don't need a time machine to be transported back into past decades. I just need a fine, willing couple like the Meyers to welcome me on board and give me an exciting hour of their time. How about you? Give me a call. I am always looking for a free ride.

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"Rays of Hope" for Jews in Europe

by Leonard J. Greenspoon
Professor of Religion at
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For Jews, events in central and Eastern Europe over the past two years have brought both hope and disappointment. As Americans, we are likely to believe that political and social freedom will in the long run benefit everyone in countries still haltingly emerging from communism. At the same time, current reports of anti-Semitic rhetoric and actions have awakened memories of a not-so-distant past when societal upheaval led to name-calling, then scapegoating, and finally slaughter. In the midst of uncertainty, it is instructive to point to some activities that may serve to demonstrate, in a positive manner, that perhaps we—or, at least some of us—have learned something from the painful lessons of our recent history.

Last year a colleague of mine at Clemson University introduced me to a friend of his who was visiting from former East Germany. A soft-spoken individual, this gentleman did not give the impression that he was capable of performing deeds of heroic proportions. But as we all know, looks are deceiving, and in certain contexts the performance of relatively mundane tasks—like teaching about Judaism or collecting Jewish books—is fraught with professional, if not physical danger. This man's name is Hans Seidel, and he is a professor of Old Testament in Leipzig. Several years ago, when East Germany still existed, he and several colleagues established The Research Institute for Judaism in Leipzig. "At this time," as he later wrote me, "the so-called German Democratic Republic was a communistic state with an atheistic, Marxist and materialistic ideology of the state's politics. One of its basic tenets was that religion is an opiate of the people and needed to be exterminated." Seidel continues, "Therefore all religious groups and churches were oppressed equally, as well as the Jewish people. They tried to help each other in spite of their differences in faith." It was in this connection that the Lutheran Church in East Germany founded the "Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kirche and Judentum," through which Christians and Jews could enter into the sort of interfaith dialogue that is fairly common in America, but all too rare elsewhere. When it became apparent that even well-meaning Christians were without rudimentary knowledge of Jewish history and religion, Seidel and his colleagues established their Institute.

Although they have no governmental or on-going private support, Seidel and the Institute's small staff have been able to develop and maintain an academic program offering seminars and lectures on Talmud, other Jewish literature and philosophy. They manage to publish a small journal in German that contains articles and reports on research dealing with a variety of topics related to Judaism.

In addition—in spite of their limited human and fiscal resources—they have undertaken three special projects of immense interest and importance. In the first of these, which may by now be complete, they sought to document the Jewish cemetery of the southern German town of Plauen, whose once flourishing Jewish community no longer exists. With the cemetery in a state of increasing disrepair, the Institute "felt the duty to document the [tomb] inscriptions and make translations and photos." How simple, how beautiful, how rare that a Christian Institution would "feel the duty" to save a Jewish cemetery from oblivion.

The second project involves the investigation of Hebrew inscriptions in German churches, most from the 18th century. Although the majority of these inscriptions did not survive the Nazi order to eradicate anything (inscriptions included) relating to Judaism, there are photographs, drawings, etc. The Institute hopes to determine the reason for these inscriptions.

The third and most recent project is a direct result of the fall of East Germany's communistic government. Among the most odious of the practices of that police state was the maintenance of archives filled with reports by the police, the secret service, and other government functionaries. Now that these archives are open, the Institute hopes to research the reports dealing with the Jews of Leipzig and to make them available in published form.

The second "ray of hope" comes from the former capital of the Soviet Union, Moscow. Approximately one and a half years ago, according to material I have just received, the All-Union State Library of Foreign Literature, housed in Moscow, opened a Religious Literature Department. Its head, Girgory L. Andreev, defines its main task (with, I suspect, unintended understatement) in terms of acquainting "readers with the religious literature that was inaccessible to them during the past 70 years." A tall order indeed! Although this organization does not exhibit the same degree of interest in Judaism as the Leipzig Institute, it is intensely interested in acquiring material on biblical studies, and in particular on the Old Greek translation of the Bible known as the Septuagint—a translation originally prepared by Jews, primarily for other Jews.

I am taking it upon myself to send appropriate journals and books to both of these organizations and to ask many of my colleagues to do likewise. (As can be easily imagined, professors are more likely to have spare books than spare change.) It also seemed worthwhile for me to acquaint others in the general community with several organizations and a series of activities that would not otherwise receive very much publicity.

Heroes come in many sizes and shapes. As individuals, their activities, as positive and constructive as they are, might seem insignificant in a world caught up with economic and political megatrends. But taken together, these individuals and others provide rays of hope that out of today's chaos can indeed come a more stable, a more tolerant, a more understanding tomorrow.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Fran Hirschel

As you can see, our members decided to change the name of our temple to Temple Beth El. The resolve of our membership to work together was evident at our congregational meeting, and overwhelming at the concert on March 1 by Cantor Steven Haas. It was a wonderful concert, ranging from a somber song about the Holocaust to a Jewish satire on Broadway musicals. For example, he sang a song from that great musical, *Vest Size Forty (West Side Story)*. And he insisted on audience participation—not only singing and clapping but also swaying and humming. I thought he was absolutely terrific, and it was delightful to have so many of our members attending and enjoying.

Jill Kofman, the chairperson of Ways and Means, deserves our sincere congratulations for putting together such a successful program, and our gratitude for raising a considerable amount of money for the Temple at the same time. She organized a raffle that also brought in much needed funds.

Our educator and the coordinator of our youth programs, Joel Goldman, is leaving us to accept a key educational position in Israel. He will work with the thousands of Russian immigrants who know very little about the Jewish religion, and essentially help shape the future of Israel. Joel is one of the first Reform Jews ever to be offered such a position in Israel, and while we are sad that he is leaving us, we understand his excitement about having this once in a lifetime opportunity. He will be missed.

We congratulate Cami Nore, Greg Rocco and Adam Horner, our most recent B'nai Mitzvah. Best wishes to you and your families.

In Memory of Scott Katowitz

It is with great sorrow that I must add this paragraph to our column. Scott Katowitz, whose enthusiasm and leadership have been the driving force behind Youth Activities in our Temple, has died.

The outpouring of grief is a testament to the many people whose lives he has touched. There are no words to describe how much Scott will be missed.

Our deepest sympathy to his parents, Mitchell and Beverly Katowitz, and his brother, Eric.

Temple of Israel Greenville, S.C.

by Maurice Diamant

Whenever I receive my issue of the *American Jewish Times Outlook*, after reading the editorials, I always check the Community News hoping to find an item about our congregation. Temple of Israel here in Greenville, S.C. has such vitality and has experienced such dynamic growth in the last few years, that I find it inexcusable we should not be represented, and so, when recently I was asked to act as a reporter for our congregation, I found it difficult to refuse.

Ever since we moved from our old, outgrown building to the new, spacious and beautiful temple in the fall of 1989, our congregation, under the inspired, dynamic leadership of our Rabbi, James Cohn, has grown not only in membership, but also as a vital presence within the community. This year, for example, our Social Action Committee will be working with the Greenville Literacy Association putting our facilities and our volunteers at their service to help them fight the scourge of illiteracy within our area.

Our Temple Brotherhood and Sisterhood are continuously enriching our community with their interesting monthly programs. Rabbi Cohn's weekly Adult Education programs attract not only many congregants but often also outsiders interested in expanding their knowledge of Jewish subjects.

Also worth mentioning are our eight active Havurah groups. These are Temple members who formed informal, convivial groups who meet monthly in each other's homes to discuss Jewish themes of mutual interest and to join in a closer fellowship.

Last but far from least, our Temple Youth Group is alive and well, meeting several times a month and occasionally traveling to other cities for regional and national meetings.

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

As the fickle groundhog emerged on Feb. 2 and couldn't make up its mind, shadow or no, shorter or longer winter, Beth Israel leadership and congregants positively forged ahead with their busy programming during the month.

In response to people's expressed interest in Jewish history, the Adult Education Committee planned the showing of the nine Heritage videotapes produced, directed and narrated by Abba Eban. Dr. Sheldon Neuringer, professor of history at Warren Wilson College, will lead the discussions after the last four tapes. The series began in February, and continues as follows: April 5—"The Golden Hand (1654 CE - 1932 CE)"; April 12—"Out of the Ashes (1917 CE - 1945 CE)"; and May 3—"Into the Future (1945 CE - present)." Dr. Eliot Katz arranged for the programs to be shown.

On Feb. 8, the Adult Education Committee provided an evening of

cinematic entertainment. The feature film was "The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt" (1985) and a short film, "Hot Bagels" (1979). The event took place at the home of Sue and Stan Greenberg.

A community-wide skating party was held on Feb. 16, co-sponsored by Beth Ha-Tephila Sunday School, Beth Israel Sunday School, Young Judea, Asheville Youth Group, Havurah, Hadassah, Jewish Community Center, and the WNC Jewish Federation.

Sisterhood News

As in previous years, Sisterhood members baked up a storm of Hamantaschen for the night of the Megillah Reading.

Pauline Tenenbaum and Muriel Gelbert, co-chairs of the Gift Shop, report that the Chanukah Sale-a-thon was a great success. They wish to thank the following: Deborah Beeby, Michael Beeby, Elaine Bronstein, Carol Deutsch, Hilda Ehrlich, Jody Friedman, Ruth Gaynes, Adele Gurevich, Debbie Neimkin, Kay Miller and Barry Olin.

Common Sense-Self Defense-for women ages 13 and up. Beth Israel Sisterhood is sponsoring an eight-week course for women's self protection. This course combines discussion and instruction with physical practice of prevention skills. Beginning March 2, the class continues on Mondays: April 6, 13 and 20, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The instructor is Kris Booker, Community Education Coordinator of the Rape Crisis Center.

Seudat Shlisheet in February was a a great success! Twenty adults and children gathered on a Shabbat afternoon for a delightful hour and a half of Torah talk, songs, chants, general shmooze and a light meal. Thank you to the Gaynes, Lees and Birnhams for helping prepare the food and to all who came for their spirit. Another Seudat Shlisheet was held in March.

Beginner's Hebrew began Feb. 9. In this six-session class, students learned to read and sing much of the Friday night synagogue service, and also to read fluently the Hebrew in the Prayer Book. Yosi Knight was the instructor. In addition to having lived in Israel for three years and having taught Hebrew at UNCA, Yosi has a good singing voice. Following the completion of this beginner class, we will start an intermediate level class. This will be in April.

Asheville Youth Group

The Youth Group has had the following recent activities: a successful Dreidle-Gram Fundraiser; a Youth Group Shabbat Weekend at Beth Israel including: Shabbat dinner together, participating in Friday night and Saturday morning services, preparing and sponsoring the Oneg and Kiddush; featuring Erika Laibson's Israel Experience; being part of the Martin Luther King Park Dedication and March; creating and delivering get-well cards to sick members of the Jewish Community; helping with the Tu b'Shevat citywide program; and meeting and eating regularly. Future fun plans include a USY Ski Weekend at Sugar Mountain; a USY Regional Convention in Greenville; visits to the Summit to visit our Jewish members; and Sunday mornings together at Beth Israel.

At Friday night services, Feb. 21, Rabbi Birnham's sermon topic was one which took an enlightening peek into some conclusions Alan Dershowitz arrived at about some of the woes of Jewish people in the United States. The Rabbi is selecting a particular topic on the third Friday of every month which is of current interest to all. January's topic was, "Jews for Jesus—Missionaries in our Midst."

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

The session on Feb. 4 was devoted to the topic "1492—Expulsion of Jews from Spain; 1992—Legacy of Sephardic Jews." The program threw light on a dark time, and illuminated yet another reason for pride in the strength of the Jewish instinct for survival.

Besides the major events, minor but fascinating facts were touched on. Everyone, for example, was aware of the existence of the Marranos, but not everyone knew that the word itself means "swine" in Spanish.

And not everyone knew of the irony of the fact that today's King Juan Carlos of Spain said he would attend a service at the Madrid synagogue marking the end of the edict expelling the Jews from Spain, but not until the exact 500th anniversary of the edict's signing by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, on the 31st of this March.

Leah Karpen led the discussion.

The Sisterhood

Announcement has been made that a full scholarship is being offered this year to a 3rd and 4th grade religious school student for a 2-week stay at Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Ga.

The Sisterhood thanked Barbara Jarmel for sewing a new altarcloth.

The Brotherhood

The Reverend Scott Rogers, executive director of the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, wrote the Brotherhood warmly thanking the group for its gift of $100 for fuel for the needy. The gift, he said, "is touching lives. . .in the deepest possible way."

In appreciation of John Bridge's excellent lecture on Jan. 19 on "Russian Jewish Painters at the Turn of the Century," the Brotherhood made a donation to the Temple choir, of which he was once a member, in his honor.

He Did It Again

Since the Rabbi was out of town, Dick Braun ably led the services on the evening of Friday, Feb. 7.

The Religious School

Asheville's two religious schools jointly celebrated Tu b'Shevat, the Jewish Arbor Day. The program, on Jan. 6, "also included participation by Asheville's Chavura group, Hadassah chapter, and Jewish Community Center," Phyllis Bluming, school principal, wrote in the Temple bulletin.

She thanked Mrs. Janet Grant, Beth ha-Tephila's parent coordinator; Mrs. Barbara Miller and Mrs. Laurie Chess, co-principals of Beth Israel Synagogue, and Mrs. Ruth Gaines, president of the Asheville-Henderson Chapter of Hadassah, for their efforts in the successful venture.



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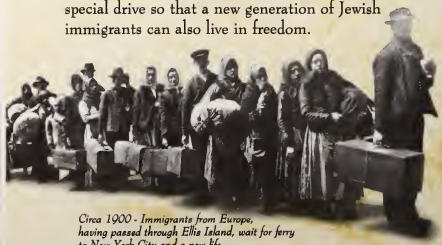
Someone in your family struggled to get here. It may have been your father, mother, grandfather or even a distant uncle. Leaving everything behind, they suffered great hardships to fulfill their dream. And because they overcame incredible odds, you are able to live a life of freedom today.



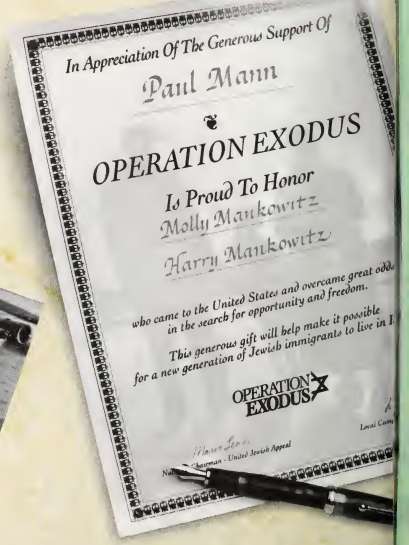
Like them, there are hundreds of thousands of Soviet, Ethiopian and other Jewish immigrants who, today, desperately need help in getting to Israel. Uprooted from everything familiar, they face overwhelming difficulties in adjusting to an unfamiliar Western-style democracy and a newly discovered Jewish heritage. Most have no money, don't speak the language and come with no means of support.

Starting over with nothing, these immigrants urgently need your help every step of the way. They need plane tickets, food, housing, language classes and job training.

To help raise money on their behalf, the United Jewish Appeal and your local Jewish Federation, as part of Operation Exodus, are launching a special one-time fundraising drive. In honor of your immigrant relatives, we're asking you to support this special drive so that a new generation of Jewish immigrants can also live in freedom.

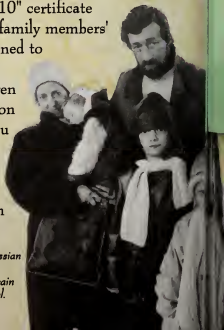


Circa 1900 - Immigrants from Europe, having passed through Ellis Island, wait for ferry to New York City and a new life.



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VIENNA 1989 - A family of Russian immigrants, helped by Operation Exodus, arrives from Moscow at train station in Vienna en route to Israel.

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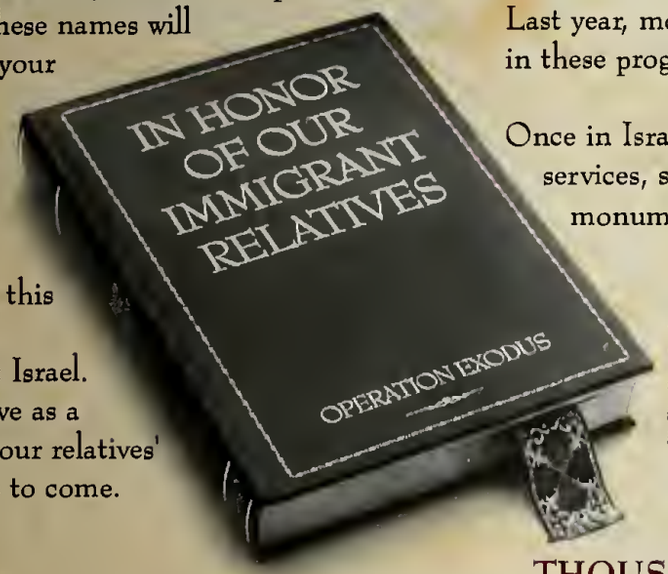


ISRAEL 1990 - New immigrants train to become nurses at a hospital in Jerusalem.

This is your opportunity to honor the members of your family who came to this country, struggled and sacrificed, in order to build a better life.

SEE YOUR RELATIVES' NAMES INSCRIBED IN A PERMANENT BOOK OF HONOR IN JERUSALEM.

These same family members' names will also be inscribed in a permanent book titled, "In Honor of Our Immigrant Relatives," that will be preserved in Jerusalem. These names will be inscribed on your family's own special page so that you and your family can easily view this lasting record whenever you visit Israel. This book will serve as a remembrance of your relatives' sacrifices for years to come.



This beautifully bound "Book of Honor" will be kept in Jerusalem and remain a permanent tribute to you and your immigrant relatives.

Even doctors, dentists, teachers and engineers are among those who must be retrained and have their skills upgraded to function in society and help build Israel's economy.

To help them, Operation Exodus has set up an extensive human services network of language and orientation programs inside the Soviet Union and other countries to prepare them for their arrival. Last year, more than 40,000 Soviet Jews participated in these programs.

Once in Israel, families need housing, medical services, schools and jobs. All this requires monumental effort and resources.

YOUR GIFT PAYS FOR PLANE TICKETS, FOOD, MEDICAL CARE AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS.



Your donation will help provide for the many essential services required by families leaving their homes with little or no resources. For example, just transporting a family of four and their belongings from the Soviet Union to Israel costs more than $2,400.

And that's only a part of why your money is needed. Most of the new immigrants lack the job skills relevant to Israel's needs.

THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS ARE ARRIVING EVERY MONTH. FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TODAY.



Over 350,000 Jewish immigrants have arrived in Israel since 1990. One million in all are expected by 1994. For a country of under 5 million people, the cost of absorbing a population equal to one-fifth its size is staggering. It costs $105 to provide the warmth of simple sheets and blankets for one Ethiopian family in a temporary (*over*)



BUDAPEST 1990 - Young girls from Uzbekistan, USSR, wait at railroad station in Budapest on their way to Israel.

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P.O. Box 16437
Minneapolis MN 55416

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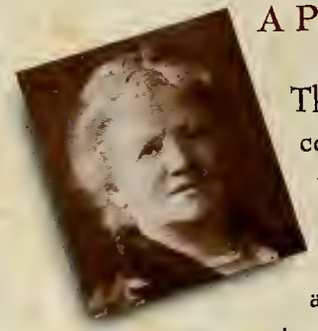
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residence, $400 to fly just one Soviet Jew from the USSR to Israel, and $2,000 to retrain an immigrant professional to teach in an Israeli high school. The cost of this effort, this year alone, is over $300 million. Israel can't bear the burden alone. We need your help today.

FILL OUT THE COUPON BELOW AND GIVE YOUR FAMILY A PLACE IN HISTORY.



This fundraising offer of a personalized commemorative certificate and inscription in the book, "In Honor of Our Immigrant Relatives," has been created in part to give your relatives a place in history. By honoring them, you can create a unique link between your immigrant ancestors and our Jewish family that needs help in reaching Israel today. Your participation will enable you to play an important role in a dramatic moment of Jewish history.





ISRAEL 1991 - A relief worker befriends a young Ethiopian Jew at an Operation Exodus center in Jerusalem.

In honoring your immigrant relatives, you will help carry on the Jewish tradition of giving and help Jews come home to Israel.

Operation Exodus is a special campaign of the United Jewish Appeal in partnership with Jewish federations throughout the United States to aid Soviet and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants. UJA and the federations meet humanitarian needs in Israel, the U.S. and around the world. All contributions are tax deductible.

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Yes, I want to honor my relatives and help bring Jewish immigrants to Israel.

I want to take my place in history by contributing to today's immigrants in Israel. Please send me my commemorative certificate inscribed with my family members' names as listed below. Also, please inscribe these names on a separate page in the book, "In Honor of Our Immigrant Relatives," to be on permanent display in Jerusalem.
My immigrant relatives' names are (up to two names maximum - please print):

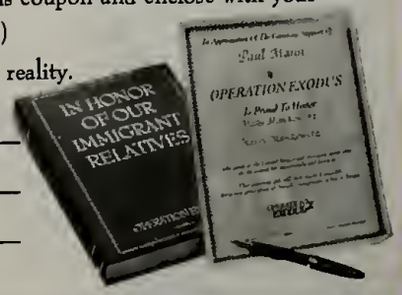
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❑ Enclosed is my contribution of $100. (Honor as many relatives or friends as you like. Each additional certificate with one or two names is available at $100 per certificate. Please print additional names clearly on a piece of paper or photocopy this coupon and enclose with your donation. Each $100 donation includes inscription in the book, "In Honor of Our Immigrant Relatives.")

❑ I am enclosing an additional gift of $_____ toward Operation Exodus to help make the dream a reality.

Please make checks payable to: Operation Exodus.

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Address:_____
City:_____State:_____Zip:_____



Mishpacha-Outreach Group Meeting

At a dinner-meeting at the home of John and Fritzi Fligel on Feb. 15, mixed marrieds and Jews by choice enjoyed a presentation by Rabbi Bluming on "Building a Jewish Library." He brought a selection of books from his library and discussed the availability of these books through local publishing houses.

The Snow-Ball

Everyone was all dressed up with someplace to go on the evening of Jan. 25. Congenial people met to enjoy a *hamische* pot roast dinner by Kathi Shastri and Doug and Terri Baird, and good music to dance to. Unger Hall was decorated with ice-colored balloons and white cut-out snowflakes, thanks to Shirley Cohen, decorations chairperson; the tables were decorated by Helaine Greene; and there was wine in abundance, thanks to Frank Gilreath.

Outstanding Generosity

From the Feb. 12 *Asheville Citizen-Times:* "St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation has received a substantial gift from the family of the late Harry D. Blomberg, Asheville civic and business leader, to fund expansion of the hospital's current renovation and expansion of its inpatient surgery area. . .the expanded facility will be dedicated as the Blomberg Surgical Center. The gift was given in memory of Blomberg and in honor of his widow, Shirley Blomberg."

New Members

A warm welcome to Terri and Douglas Baird and their son Cameron. Terri is the daughter of Buddy and Mary Reisenberg.

GCAR Summer Kallah

The Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis will hold its summer Kallah at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, N.C. from Aug. 6 to 12. For information and reservations, contact Rabbi Philip Silverstein, 5827 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia, S.C. 29206.



Personals

Gordon-Spandorfer Wedding Greensboro, N.C.

Roxann Lorraine Gordon and Michael Alan Spandorfer were married at Temple Emanuel, Greensboro, N.C. on Saturday, Feb. 8, 1992, in a candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m. Rabbi Richard Harkavy officiated and Cantor Gabrielle Glissold sang Jewish love songs. Additional music was provided by Mrs. Ruth Trexler at the organ, Mrs. Caren Beck, soprano, and Blaine Smith, trumpet soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, parents of the bride, hosted the Oneg Shabbat following the Aufruf honoring the bridal couple on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Markus Spandorfer, parents of the groom, entertained at a rehearsal dinner. Highlighting this event was a video produced by Mrs. Fern Cohn, aunt of the groom, which featured treasured family history.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy and is employed as pharmacist manager at Drug Emporium, Augusta, Ga. She was a member of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority.

The groom is a graduate of Emory University with a degree in History. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Mortar Board, National History Honor Society and Academic and Leadership Honor Society. He is presently a student at the Medical College of Ga. and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He will graduate in June of 1992.

Mrs. Steven Mills served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Jacobs, Catherine Cohen, Mrs. Steven Spandorfer, Mrs. Joe Cohen, Laura Rickels and Mrs. Jeff Wineberg. Flower girls were Krissy Jacobs, Staci Ginsburg, Katie Gordon and Amy Margolis.

The bridegroom's brother, Philip Spandorfer, served as best man. Ushers were Dr. Steven Spandorfer,



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spandorfer

George Woodman, Michael Dornbaum, Kenneth Dornbaum, Joe Cohen and Lance Gordon. Ringbearers were Evan Jacobs and Morrow Gordon.

A seated dinner and dance at Starmount Forest Country Club followed the ceremony. After their wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Augusta, Ga.

Brun-Rohde Wedding Natick, Mass.

Rabbi Ira L. Rohde and Lisa Brun were married on Nov. 28, 1991 at Temple Israel in Natick, Mass.

Rabbi Ira Rohde is the son of Gerard and Pearl Rohde of Charlotte, N.C. He received a B.A. in Judaic Studies at State University of New York at Binghamton, attended Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He completed his studies at Yeshiva University where he earned a Cantorial Diploma at its Belk School of Music and was ordained a Rabbi at its Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in New York City. He is the Hazzan at The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Temple Shearith Israel, located at Central Park West and 70th Street in New York City.

Lisa is the daughter of Herbert and Debbie Brun of Wayland, Mass. She graduated from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., where she was

employed as a librarian until her marriage.

On the Saturday after the wedding, Ira and Lisa were honored guests at an Oneg Shabbat following services at the B'nai B'rith Hillel House at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. The following Monday they were honored at a reception and dinner sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men's Club of Temple Shearith Israel in New York City, where they reside.

Rothman-Whisnant Wedding Charlotte, N.C.

Ellen Joy Rothman and Tyndall Gene Whisnant were united in marriage Saturday, March 14, 1992 at the Unitarian Church of Charlotte, in Charlotte, N.C. Officiating at the 6:00 p.m. candlelight ceremony was the groom's sister, The Reverend Cynthia D. Whisnant of Birmingham, Ala. A reception followed the ceremony with music by Gregg James, keyboard, and George Bell, vocalist.

The bride is the daughter of Sandi Carlish and Mark Rothman of Charlotte. The bridegroom's parents are Bobby and Carol Whisnant of Mint Hill, N.C.

Elizabeth Berry, a college friend of the bride, from Salisbury, N.C., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lynda Bennett of Waldron, Ark.; Anna Plyler of Mineral Springs, N.C.; Pam Cruse, Debbie Dickerson and Marissa Rowlatt of Charlotte, N.C.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Ushers were Karl Hesse of Durham, N.C.; Billy Hornback, Jr., of Mineral Springs; Raymond Mullis of Matthews, N.C., and the groom's two brothers, Merritt Whisnant of Charlotte and Phillip Whisnant of Mainz City, Germany. Kaylah Rowlatt of Charlotte was flower girl and Bobby Measmer, Jr., of Harrisburg, N.C., ringbearer.

The bride attended Providence Day School and both the bride and groom received bachelor of science degrees in Criminal Justice from UNC Charlotte. The bride served as a volunteer with the Guardian Ad Litem Program for Mecklenburg County. She was



Mrs. Tyndall G. Whisnant

employed by Radiator Specialty Company at their corporate headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. as a customer service representative in the Automotive Chemical Division.

Following a honeymoon cruise aboard the Nordic Empress to the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Morganton, N.C. where the groom is in management with the K-Mart Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cone Attend Reform Training Program Greensboro, N.C.

Thomas E. Cone and his wife Rene of Greensboro, N.C. are among 24 regional and local leaders of Reform Judaism of the U.S. and Canada who have been selected for a training program to prepare them to become national leaders of the Reform movement, which includes 856 congregations.

This is the second 2-year program established in 1989.



Organizations

Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah Holds Conference at Williamsburg, Va.

by Johanna Lurie

Mrs. Dovie Melnick (of Danville, Va.), president, has announced that the Southern Seaboard Region of Hadassah will hold its 1992 Kallah Conference in Williamsburg, Va. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1-3 at the Fort Magruder Inn.

The theme for the conference is "A Sephardic Adventure: 1492-1992." Dr. Ori Z. Soltes, assistant professor of Judaic studies at Cleveland College of Jewish Studies and director of B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C., is the Scholar-in-Residence. Dr. Soltes, a teacher, author, lecturer, curator and linguist will help us in commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, discover the history and culture of Sephardic Jewry, enjoy Sephardic music and dip into Sephardic art.

Dr. Soltes, a linguist with extensive knowledge of classical languages and major modern languages, has taught courses on practically every aspect of Jewish life focusing on art, history, folk lore, mysticism and religious studies along with Greek and Roman art and history. He has lectured at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Smithsonian, Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC and the Los Angeles County



Ori Soltes

Museum of Art from Ancient Near Eastern Art to Medieval Renaissance and Baroque Art (to name a few).

Our conference advisor is Gail Cohen from Lexington, Ky., a national vice president of Hadassah. Currently, Gail is a member of the National Services Division Task Force and chairman of the Midwest Area Cooperative. She has held many positions in her region (including the presidency of Central States Region) as well as on the chapter level. Gail is also involved in her local community.

Blanche Glickman of Norfolk, Va., and Glenda Greenhouse of Richmond, Va., Conference co-chairmen, have told us a very interesting, fully packed weekend is planned and not to be missed. Husbands and friends are welcome.

For reservations and/or further information, please contact Arlene Kanner (919) 848-9643, or Irene Silverstein (919) 781-1788, Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah co-presidents.

Raleigh Chapter Marks Hadassah's 80th Anniversary

by Johanna Lurie

The Raleigh Chapter of Hadassah participated in the national celebration marking the 80th anniversary of the group's founding in 1912. The announcement was made by Chapter co-presidents, Arlene Kanner and Irene Silverstein.

Hadassah designated the week of March 19, coinciding with Purim, for special community-based activities across the United States.

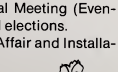
The Chapter hosted a Hadassah Shabbat program at Beth Meyer Synagogue on March 20. Hadassah members took part in the service and sponsored and baked for the Oneg Shabbat which followed.

Coming Attractions

April 28—General Meeting (Evening)—Program and elections.

May 12—Donor Affair and Installation (evening).







Edward Alcosser

"The Soul of Sephardim" Topic of Green Memorial Lecture Raleigh, N.C.

by Robert N. Bander

Edward Alcosser will deliver the 3rd Annual I. J. Green Memorial Lecture, Sunday evening, May 3, 1992, at Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, N.C. As in the past, the Green Lecture will be preceded by the annual meeting of the Wake County Jewish Federation. The sole purpose of the meeting is the election of next year's slate of officers and board members. The program will be followed by a dessert and coffee reception in the Temple's social hall.

A physicist, businessman and currently president of his own corporation specializing in Jewish communal work, Ed Alcosser is one of the leading Sephardic figures in America today. He is chairman of the board of the American Sephardi Federation, the national organization representing all of the Sephardim and Sephardic groups within the United States.

He is currently involved with projects for the Portuguese-Jewish Synagogue of Amsterdam, the Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul, the Shehebah Sephardic Center in Jerusalem and the Chabad Children of Chernobyl program. He has held key executive positions in the United Jewish Appeal agency and with Haifa University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He is a frequent visitor to and very active supporter of the State of Israel.

Mr. Alcosser's family left Spain in the 15th century and migrated to the lands of the Ottoman Empire. They established roots in Monastir (Macedonia), which was totally destroyed by the Nazis, and in Jerusalem where members of his family live to this day. His immediate family came to the United States at the turn of the century as the Ottoman Empire began to crumble in the Balkans.

In this quincentennial year of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, as well as the quincentennial celebration of Columbus's voyage to the New World, the Federation is fortunate to secure Mr. Alcosser as a speaker. His talk will be about Sephardic history, its rich cultural heritage, comparisons between Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions and relations between Jews and Muslims. It is fascinating to learn that Jews and Muslims lived together in peace and harmony for centuries until very recently and still do in such countries as Turkey.

Reserve Sunday evening, May 3, starting at 7 p.m. for a most memorable I. J. Green Memorial Lecture and reception!

The I. J. Green Memorial Lecture has been made possible through a generous gift to the Wake County Jewish Federation by the Green family: Sophie Green, Izzy Green's widow, and their daughters, Sandy Green and Lenore Schottenstein.

Crown City Chapter ORT Charlotte, N.C.

by Peggie Rovman

This Chapter's first annual Children's Film Festival was held Feb. 14 at the Queen Park Theater, thanks to Robert Schrader and the open hearts of many business and individual supporters. The theme of the day was "Open your hearts on Valentine's Day" to some very special children, and that hope became a reality.

Members of Crown City Chapter were hosts to children from Metro School, Bethlehem Center and Howell Center. With 275 children eating popcorn, drinking soda pop and squealing with glee at the movie

"Darryl," needless to say, the day was a big success.

To top off the day's fun was "Lotsa the Clown," played by ORT's very own vice president, Lorrie Klemons. The entire membership agreed on one thing, and that was that this Valentine's Day was certainly the best ever.

Women's American ORT has been in Charlotte only two years, but certainly with days like this the Chapter is sure to flourish for many years to come.

For information about ORT and its Crown City Chapter, please call Peggie Rovman at (704) 552-2010. Find out how you, too, can touch a child's life and make a difference.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

Passover at the Preschool is always special. With so much material to draw on, there is no shortage of ways to relate classroom activities to the holiday. The children have been busy learning about the Exodus and how it is represented at our Seder. Of course, making your own Seder plate to take home to Mom and Dad is standard fare, but means so much more when you can tell them the story behind it.

At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, the Preschool will hold its annual Model Seder. The children, staff and members of the J.C.C. Chai Group will be participating in the Seder. The four year old and Pre-K classes will perform Passover songs and sing "Ma Nishtanah" (The Four Questions), as well. The Seder goodies will be provided by the Temple Israel Sisterhood.

An event not to be missed by parents of preschoolers is the "Parenting Workshop," to be held Tuesday, April 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Luski Youth Center of Shalom Park. Topics to be discussed are "How to Prepare Our Children for Kindergarten" and "What Can I Expect from Their Kindergarten Experience." Mr. Frank Simone, who is the assistant principal of Old Providence Elementary School, will be the guest speaker at the workshop. Mr. Simone has been an elementary school teacher for eighteen years, fourteen of those in kindergarten classrooms.



Laurie Demoff assisting our 4 year olds with their Seder plates.

A reception will follow the workshop. A two dollar admission fee will be charged to non-preschool families. We would like an accurate count of parents attending, so please R.S.V.P. to the Charlotte Jewish Preschool office at (704) 366-5007, ext. 254.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is now accepting preschool and pre-K registration for the 1992-1993 school year. If you would like more information, or would like to arrange for a tour of the Preschool and its outstanding facilities please call Carol Klein at (704) 366-5007, ext. 254.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool announces that it is accepting applications for the full-time position of Director. Candidates must be dynamic, energetic, enthusiastic and prepared to lead a first-quality preschool program for over 100 children. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree with significant coursework in early childhood education, personal experience with the education of young children, and a thorough knowledge of the Jewish religion and culture. Administrative experience is highly desirable. Attractive salary and benefits will be offered to the successful candidate commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will be available July 1, 1992.

To apply, write to the Charlotte Jewish Preschool, c/o Irving Brenner, 510 Louise Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204 by May 1, 1992.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Purim celebration at Lubavitch is always a big feat, and this year was no different. The eve of Purim came with fun and joy for children, and entertainment and ritual for adults.

Children with colorful costumes filled the Chabad House in Charlotte—some dressed as Queen Esther and some as Mordechai the righteous; some as ancient kings and some as modern clowns. All the children received Purim kits which contained many delicious Purim treats and, of course, coins for *tzedakah*.

While the Megillah, scroll of Esther, was read by Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, a special program of story and song was held for the children. The children did participate in some of the reading and *grogger-klopping*.

The evening was Middle Eastern, with a combination of Israeli and Persian foods. Since the story of Purim happened in Persia and Jews trace their heritage to Israel, the food was a reminder and perhaps a link to the events being celebrated. Of course, there were plenty of tasty Hamantaschen.

Purim is also the first anniversary of the victory in the Persian Gulf, and people used the event to remember the awesome miracles which took place in Israel about a year ago.

On Purim day, students and teachers at Lubavitch Day School participated in many holiday activities including a school carnival and masquerade party.

In the afternoon, the Chabad House was host to a grand Purim Feast where Lubavitch Talmud Torah students were the star guests. As it is a tradition to eat a full course meal in honor of the holiday, this was also an opportunity for participants to observe all five commandments associated with Purim.

This Purim was extra special because of all the preparations that went into the holiday. One of the many projects was the making of edible bread baskets for the *mitzvah* of *mishloach manot*. Chanie Weiss, Ju-

daica teacher at Lubavitch Day School, taught the children how to bake challah in the form of baskets.

Since Purim comes just thirty days before Passover, the focus of attention shifted from Purim to Passover. If Purim needed some days of preparation, how much more so when it comes to Passover.

In addition to all the learning about Passover at the school and Talmud Torah, there will be a wonderful Passover program for children on Sunday, April 5.

"The Passover Youth Expo" which will be held at the Chabad House will feature exciting activities like Matzah Baking, Seder Plate Making and Wine Tasting. The children will also grind *maror* (horseradish) and mix *charoses* which is made from apples, nuts and wine.

Lubavitch of North Carolina is also distributing thousands of Passover guides. These colorful, well designed brochures contain a wealth of Passover information, including a detailed guide to conducting the Seder.

Shmurah Matzah is available at all Lubavitch Chabad Centers in the Carolinas. *Shmurah Matzah* is baked by hand with extra care in the tradition of the matzah that was baked over three thousand years ago. Eating *Shmurah Matzah* for the Seder certainly enhances the tradition of the holiday.

Camp Gan Israel

Camp Gan Israel in Charlotte will be in session from Monday, June 15 to Friday, July 3. The camp provides Jewish boys and girls of all ages the combination of a true Torah spirit and the very best in summer recreational activities.

For details, please write or call Lubavitch of North Carolina, 6500 Newhall Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28270, (704) 366-3984.

Lubavitch Conference in Myrtle Beach

A productive and lively conference was held at the Chabad Center & School of Myrtle Beach, S.C. All the Lubavitch Rabbis of the Carolinas participated: Rabbis Hesh Epstein and Meir Muller of Columbia, S.C.; Rabbis Doron Aizenman and Yossi Naparstak of Myrtle Beach; Rabbis Yossi Groner, Binyomin Weiss and Mendel Feigenson of Charlotte; Rabbi Pinchus Herman of Raleigh.

The purpose of the conference was to share ideas and work towards strengthening Jewish education in the Carolinas. Each center has a specialty which the others could learn from. For instance, Rabbi Muller has succeeded in a project called JETS in which many young children in Columbia participate. It is geared to educate children about important facts in Judaism in a fun and lively manner.

Of the 24 hours spent together in Myrtle Beach, 19 of those hours were utilized in discussion sessions. The enthusiasm and creative ideas will be implemented in upcoming programs and will certainly enhance the work of Lubavitch in the Carolinas.



Jacky Hebe receiving award from Rabbi Doron Aizenman at Myrtle Beach conference.



Rabbis posing with Mayor Robert Grissom, Hugo Schiller and Harold Clarady in front of Myrtle Beach City Hall.

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One of the highlights of the conference was a reception at Myrtle Beach City Hall where Mayor Robert Grissom signed a proclamation designating April 14, 1992 as "Education Day" in Myrtle Beach. This was done in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on this day.

The Mayor praised the work of Chabad-Lubavitch in his community and added his own admiration for the continued growth of Chabad in Myrtle Beach. Also present was Harold Clarady, chairman of the Chapin Foundation which has been generous in its support of Chabad of Myrtle Beach.

Special thanks goes to Mr. Hugo Schiller for his help at the conference. His comments on stress management were very helpful. Sgt. Scott Schlesinger of the United States Air Force was helpful with his comments on time management. Guest of honor was Jacky Hebe who sponsored the conference. Jacky represents WINGS Beachware stores in Myrtle Beach.

CAJWM Announces Scholarship Loans for College Students

by Irving Brenner

Education and learning have always been at the core of Judaism and Jewish culture. As immigrants in America and other countries, Jews struggled to educate themselves and their children not only in Jewish culture but in the language and history of their new surroundings. Also, Jews understand that fear and prejudice are most often the result of ignorance and, accordingly, have always encouraged learning and education throughout society.

It was therefore natural that in 1921 when, under the leadership of Mrs. Sol Weill, the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women was organized, one of its early concerns was education. Among the Association's many contributions to education was the creation in 1930 of the Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund by Edna Oettinger, Lionel Weill and Helene Weill Strauss for the purpose of providing interest-free loans to enable college students, regardless of race, creed or culture, to complete their education. The fund was named for Mrs. Sol Weill's mother, Sophie Einstein, a humanitarian who supported ideals furthering cooperation and understanding among people of different faiths and races long before such ideals became generally accepted.

The Sophie Einstein Memorial Fund Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Laura Cone was created to receive and evaluate loan applications, grant loans, and arrange for repayments. The committee is now under the direction of the Carolinas Associaton of Jewish Women and Men after the merger of the two associations in 1988. The committee is currently composed of Irving Brenner and Bobby Damsky of Charlotte.

Since 1930, many students have received assistance from the fund. Although education costs have risen much more rapidly than available funds, the committee is pleased to announce the availability of loans for undergraduate educational expenses for the school year 1992-1993. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the fund or obtaining a scholarship application should write to: The Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund, c/o Irving Brenner, 510 Louise Avenue, Charlotte, N.C. 28204. Deadline: May 31, 1992.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

Passover at CAJE

Your CAJE membership gives you access to the best Jewish video collection in the Carolinas. Borrow a **Passover** video from the holiday section:

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Passover at Bubbe's
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Singing Seder

For Families

Four Sons-A Guide to Passover
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Model Seder
Passover Paperfolding Projects

The CAJE Resource Center is NOW "OPEN" 24 hours a day, 6 days a week (but not on Shabbat), through our brand-new "Voice Mail" capability. You may call us any hour of the day or night with your CAJE requests. Our phone number is **704-366-5007.** The CAJE extension numbers are **271** or **272.**

Please keep these numbers handy; you will need to know the extension numbers to activate the "Voice Mail" system. Call as usual; after hours, follow the given instructions when the phone automatically answers. Please leave the following information so we may serve you best:

1. Speak clearly!
2. Leave your name; name of school; congregation; city.
3. Your phone number.
4. Date(s) you need materials.
5. List of specific items requested **by title** (from the CAJE print-out if possible).
6. For non specific requests:
 What is the age group of audience?
 What is the setting? (class, assembly, family program? etc., etc.)
 How much time do you have for the program/lesson?
 General subject areas you wish to cover?

We look forward to assisting you personally, as always, too.

Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

Eva Tannenbaum Cummins: Young and Jewish in Hitler's Berlin

One day I was crossing Olivaer Platz—a nice square with its bushes, flowerbeds, dark green benches all around, when I was stopped by the sight of a bright yellow bench. "FÜR JUDEN" It read in bold black letters.

The time 1935, the place Berlin. A lively and sensitive twelve year old girl is speaking. She is the daughter and only child of a well-known and highly respected Jewish drama and music critic, a pianist. All of the cultural and intellectual treasures of Berlin are her heritage and her due. But her seat at the opera with her fashionable parents is now replaced by this new yellow bench marked "FÜR JUDEN." If that is a shock there are more threatening ones to follow.

This memory and others of Germany in the 1930s during the rise of Adolf Hitler belong to Eva Tannenbaum Cummins. In the past two years she has revived the time of her childhood and adolescence in the dark days of the rising Nazi storm in a one person one-act play entitled "A Page From the Past—Or Is It?" that captures the *Sturm und Drang*, the *angst* of those years as well as any short story or documentary about the Holocaust of which I am aware. She is the author, producer and actress in this drama of lost childhood happiness. If her father could have seen this play he would have had to give it a rave review strictly on professional grounds.

Oh, he'd play Mozart or Beethoven or Rachmaninoff, or the latest "Schlager" from a show or movie. He'd play, I'd sing and fancy myself from the age of eight on to be Marlene Dietrich. La, la, la, lala, la. . .It's gone now.

On a stage without props but in animated gestures that make props unnecessary, and with a voice that carries every scene, Eva recounts the early years of her life with her parents, of her dismissal from school, of her father's loss of his job, of his struggle to maintain his family, of his death.

It is August 1936 and I am thirteen years old. My mother and I have just returned from the cemetery. "Maybe it's a blessing he died so young." A blessing? They're talking about my father.

With each passing month the years from 1936 to 1939 grew increasingly grim. One day while Eva and her mother were walking along the Unter den Linden near the Brandenberg Gate they heard sirens. "Quick, turn around," Eva's mother said. They peered anxiously into a shop window, holding their breaths, while Hitler's reflection passed as he stood in his open car. They came to understand that survival depended on escaping from Germany, their hopes pinned on the generosity of a cousin who lived in Seattle, Washington.

The letters went back and forth. There were problems. Yes, Eva could come, but not her mother. More than a year would go by before negotiations made it possible for mother to accompany daughter. In the meantime, the situation was deteriorating rapidly.

It was one morning in November 1938. I was climbing the winding staircase to the top of the double-decker bus on the Kürfurstendamm, my favorite street, beautiful, elegant, always full of life. What Eva saw from the bus windows sent a chill through her heart. *A sea of broken glass from gaping, jagged shop windows, broken chairs and tables from the restaurants strewn all over, clothing from boutiques, piles of books burning. I fled the bus.* KRISTALLNACHT!

Subsequently, there were knocks on the door, fear and terror during interrogations because the Nazis were looking for a man named Tannenbaum thought to be a relative, trips to the government office to hand over valuables in payment of the special tax levied on Jews, and to the police station to be photographed and fingerprinted. To stay alive they began to sell their furniture. They watched helplessly as a boorish German dismantled and carted off their library, filled with books lovingly collected in earlier, happier years.

Help came late in the eleventh hour. On July 15, 1939, Eva and her mother boarded a Danish boat, the S.S. Canada, for America. Germany was already at war with Russia, and the beginning of World War II was only six weeks away. The borders were closing everywhere.

As a child before the nightmare began, Eva had two aspirations. One was to be an actress, the other was to marry for love. A romantic then, Eva remains one today. "I did," she told me, "marry for love." "Twice," she added. She began performing in radio dramas at the University of Washington, and in time she made the move from the safe anonymity behind the radio microphone to the perils of live acting on the stage. She moved from Seattle to New Orleans in 1962, continuing to act in little theatre companies. Her all time favorite role was playing Fraulein Schneider a few years ago in a long production of "Cabaret." She played it with verve and enchantment. It's easy to understand why this role holds so much appeal for her and why she is so good at it. What makes her performances even more remarkable is that since 1973 Eva has been visually impaired. She feels and hears her way around the stage; her voice and the voices of others become her working eyes.

Offstage, Eva teaches daily living skills to other visually impaired and blind adults in a federally funded program at the Jewish Community

Center. She and her husband Robert, an architect and artist, are intrepid travelers, despite her impairment or, maybe, in spite of it. Israel, China, you name it, they've been there. They keep going. In my view, more of their trips ought to be directed to other cities in America: Eva's one-act drama is good enough to be part of the annual memorial Shoah programs anywhere in the country.

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Remember Who You Are

by Esther Hautzig
Walker and Co. 203 pp. $12.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Remember Who You Are contains stories about being Jewish, according to its subtitle. Actually the stories are a collection of recollections from the author, who was born in Vilna, Lithuania, in 1930 and lived there with her family until they were deported to Siberia by the Russian communists. Their crime was being capitalists.

The deportation saved her life, because Jews who remained were slaughtered by the Nazis. Her introduction tells the story of her education, the six years in Siberia, the family's choice to live in Poland after the war and their subsequent move to Sweden. After a brief stay in Sweden, her parents sent her to New York, to an uncle who made it possible for her and later her parents to immigrate to the United States.

En Route, she met Walter Hautzig, concert pianist and writer, who was to become her husband. Her life in America sounds like a "happy ever after" story, but her stories are tales of the heartbreak of separation and loss, of cruelty and horror.

She tells these true stories so well that Chaim Potok calls this book "a memoir from the heart that deeply touches the heart." There are twenty of them, and the book is printed in large, easy to read print. Telling her reminiscences in the first person, she discloses enough of herself to make the reader feel acquainted with her, and a rewarding acquaintance it is.

Reading of Esther Hautzig's rich life, of Jews who were reunited after the Holocaust and the fortunate fate of some she knew, makes an experience that is enthralling for the reader.

Islam and Science: Religious Orthodoxy and the Battle for Rationality

by Pervez Hoodbhoy
Zed Books 157 pp. $15.00 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Islam and Science explores the relationship between scientific thought and Islamic theory and practice, both historically and in the contemporary Muslim world. The author's controversial but important contention is that science in these countries today is in an appalling state, and that religious orthodoxy and the rise of fundamentalism are responsible. His book thus deals with one of the critical factors likely to determine the success or otherwise with which the Muslim world responds to the accelerating challenges of scientific and technological advance.

Dr. Hoodbhoy suggests that there is no necessary conflict between Islam and science. During what is referred to as the Golden Age of Muslim rule, there was for centuries a flowering of scientific thought which was stopped by a threatening religious orthodoxy.

Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy is a distinguished young physicist at Quaid-i-Azam University in Pakistan. He received his Ph.D. from MIT, where he holds a regular visiting appointment here, in the United States.

In the third chapter of this book, the author reminds us of the battle between science and the Christian church in Medieval Europe. He quotes Pope John Paul II who issued the first official apology for the past cruelties of the church, adding that the apology came 350 years too late. Too late for Galileo and others, but despite its tardiness, Dr. Hoodbhoy utters a glad "Amen."

This is a courageous analysis and criticism written in Pakistan, which is not alone among Arab countries in accepting the fruits of science and technology. He makes the point that necessity demands advances in those fields. *Islam and Science* is well deserving of our attention.

Voices in Exile: A Study in Sephardic Intellectual History

by Rabbi Dr. Marc D. Angel
Ktav Publishing House 237 pp. $25.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

We tend to study the culture in which we live, sometimes as if none other is important. Although Sephardic Jews first immigrated to the United States in 1654, the great influx of Ashkenazim, Jews from middle and eastern Europe, had the effect of obscuring those who had preceded them. The majority of American Jews has lived with little knowledge of the culture and history of Sephardic Jews who were expelled from Spain in 1492.

On this five hundredth anniversary of Columbus's arrival in our hemisphere, an awareness has arisen of the other important significance of the date. When Jews fled Spain, they settled in lands surrounding the rim of the Mediterranean. In their new homes, they continued to live Jewish lives, blending some of the customs of those people amidst whom they settled with Jewish traditions.

Marc D. Angel, descendant of Sephardic Jews, has written a book acclaimed to be more than a history of Sephardic writing, but a wealth of thought largely unknown to us.

It is believed that some Jews lived in Spain since the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E. From the time early in the eighth century, when Spain fell to Moslem rule, Jews were able to live free of persecution. That climate seems to have continued for about 300 years, when anti-Jewish agitations recurred and grew.

During the eleventh and twelfth

centuries, protection was afforded to Jews in Spain, sometimes by Moslems, sometimes by Christians. In the meantime, there had been a flowering of Jewish culture, and the heritage of great thinkers remains today in their writings.

After the expulsion from Spain in 1492, Jewish study continued to thrive. People turned to their sages for explanations of what did appear to be the punishment of their scattering, and sages turned to the Bible with its promises and prophecies, consoling and reassuring people that God's will would be enacted.

Sephardic Jews allowed greater permission to study philosophies of other people, and while some persisted in their faith that all wisdom was contained in the Torah, great discussions flared between fundamentalists and those who sought to interpret, as well as some who questioned. Controversy amongst Jews after the expulsion is similar to questions in our time, since the Holocaust.

Some sought knowledge in Torah; others turned to Kabbalah, leading to the conviction that the arrival of the Messiah was imminent. Subsequent centuries had few enough distractions to permit the continued growth of Jewish culture. There were literature, drama, music and even journalism, finally.

Since American Sephardim spoke Ladino, a blend of Spanish with Hebrew, there was little contact between them and the Ashkenazim who were the predominant Jewish population in this country in modern times. Thus, most of us have thought, if we thought at all, that there was little to be gained from an interest in the Sephardim in America.

Now assimilation which affects all of American Jewry threatens to blur differences in the future, but *Voices in Exile* provides the means to give us deep insight and understanding. In Israel, the influence of Sephardic Jews is apparent. It was the voice of a Sephardic Chief Rabbi who pronounced the acceptance of Ethiopian Jews as legitimate. There will surely be an acculturation in Israel of all Jews who have returned, coming together in a new fusion of cultures. The future promises to be interesting and exciting.

Dr. Marc D. Angel, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, is rabbi of the historic Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of New York City, Congregation Shearith Israel. He has written and edited other books on the subject of Sephardic history and culture.

A Sampler of Jewish American Folklore

by Josepha Sherman
August House Publishers 215 pp.
$21.95 hardcover, $11.95 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Different from other collections of Jewish folk tales, this book begins with a section called "Life Cycles." This is important, because *A Sampler of Jewish American Folklore* is intended to be read by non-Jews, and it lays a groundwork initially by relating Jewish customs, traditions and observances.

The notes at the end of the volume give sources, when known, and motif references, which classify elements in these kinds of stories which are used by publishers. There is also a bibliography. Of particular interest is information in the notes of similarities between these legends and folk tales to some in other cultures, and of the earliest time to which each can be traced.

Chapters are divided as follows: Wonder Tales, Tales of Ghosts and Dybbuks, Clever Folk and Survivors, Allegories and Moral Tales, Humorous Tales, and Proverbs and Riddles.

Here is a sample from *A Sampler,* from the chapter, "Humorous Tales." A Jew brought a package to the Post Office to be mailed. The clerk weighed it and told him: "It's too heavy. You have to put more stamps on it." "And if I put more stamps on it," the Jew retorted, "that'll make it lighter?" Of course, none of the contents of the book is original, but there are many with which I was unacquainted.

There are stories from *The Wise Men of Chelm* and jokes told by legendary comedians. The book is a store of treasure and will make an ideal gift for young and old people.

Josepha Sherman is author of numerous books, stories and articles. She won the Compton Crook Award for the best first novel of 1989, *The Shining Falcon.* She is an editor and specialist in comparative folklore.

Forgotten Worlds

by Abraham Soyer
Magnes Museum 108 pp. $17.35 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

There are six stories in *Forgotten Worlds,* written originally in Hebrew by Abraham Soyer, beautifully translated by Rebecca S. Beagle and Rebecca L. Soyer.

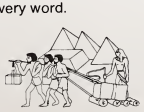
The author was born in Lutzin, Latvia, in 1867. He lived in Borisyglebsk, Russia, with his wife until they came to the United States in 1913 with their six children. He died in 1940, after a lifetime of writing in Hebrew and teaching.

The stories are set in the town of Lutzin, the environment now vanished, where Avrom Soyer lived in his early youth. They are tales of the two Jewish societies, the Chasidim and the Mitnagdim and of life of Jews there in the 19th century.

The title story contains boyhood reminiscences of the author. Other stories tell of poverty of the townsfolk and how they dealt with it, of love and life, sickness and death, and the struggles of people who were honorable and others who survived by craft.

Rebecca Beagle wrote about her family and her father's life. All were highly gifted artists, writers and teachers, whose achievements are recorded in an interesting introduction to the book.

To obtain *Forgotten Worlds,* send $17.35 to Magnes Museum Order Dept., 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, Cal. 94705. You are bound to enjoy reading its every word.



GOD was in this PLACE & I, i did not know

by Lawrence Kushner
Jewish Lights Publishing
192 pp. $21.95

Imaginatively reconstructing the personalities and life teachings of seven great Jewish "masters" from Rabbi Shmuel bar Nachmani of the late 3rd century to the Maid of Ludomir in 19th century Poland, Kushner explores some of the vast range of interpretations of Jacob's dream and their significance for our lives today.

Kushner explains, "We are Jacob. We know his puzzlement, his fear, his pain, his exaltation. And the experience of this imperfect man trying to make sense of his life is one all world religions can understand."

It is the Jacob in the biblical story of Jacob's dream of the ladder, up and down whose rungs angels climbed, whom Rabbi Kushner has studied. He is rabbi at Congregation Beth-El in Sudbury, Mass., a synagogue that exemplifies Kushner's philosophy of spiritual renewal.

Kushner is a member of the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and on the faculty of Hebrew Union College in New York City. A noted American theologian, he is also a student of Judaism's ancient traditions and a modern mystic.

GOD was in this PLACE & I, i did not know has been deemed a bold attempt to bring the tradition of mystical Judaism into 20th century lives.

I am writing a guidebook for Jews By Choice, people who are converts to Judaism. For my research, I would like to hear from those who are willing to fill out a questionnaire and/or be interviewed on this subject. In particular, I am interested in hearing from people considering a conversion, those now seeking conversion, people who have already converted, and Rabbis who have dealt extensively with converts. Please reply to: Lawrence J. Epstein, Ph.D., English Department, Suffolk Community College, 533 College Road, Selden, N.Y. 11784.

A Jewish Holiday A B C

by Malka Drucker
Illustrated by Rita Pocock
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 40 pp. $13.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This alphabet book teaches children of ages three to seven about Jewish holidays, their symbols and foods, as one family enjoys a year of Jewish living.

The "cut-paper" illustrations are in a wide range of bright colors, making an attractive book that will have great appeal to children.

To aid the parent, there is an explanation of all of the holidays at the end of the book, and a glossary of the Hebrew and Jewish words follows.

Malka Drucker is author of several biographies and the Jewish Holiday Series published by Holiday House. She is a student of Judaism and has been successful in making Jewish traditions understandable to children.

A Jewish Holiday A B C will delight any Jewish child.

National & World News Briefs

Judaica in Berlin

An international colloquium sponsored by the Institut fur Judaistik of the Freie Universitat Berlin was held in February. The symposium was held on the tenth anniversary of Gershom Scholem's death in his memory.

During the three day event, authorities on the works of Gershom Scholem gathered from universities in Berlin, Jerusalem and the United States. They spoke on subjects related to the themes of Scholem's work which included studies in Kabbalah and various fields of Jewish thought.

Also in Berlin, from Jan. 26 to April 26 an exhibition entitled, "Patterns of Jewish Life," portraying Jewish thought and beliefs, life and work within the cultures of the world is on display. A beautiful, colored brochure has been issued with photos of some objects of the exhibition. The text of the brochure gives details of the intention of the collection:

"The exhibition goes far beyond a simple display of art objects. . .Visitors to the exhibition begin with a trip back to antiquity. We see that as far back as 2,000 years ago there was already a Diaspora alongside the main centre of Jewish life in Jerusalem. . ." Life in many places Jews have lived is represented.

Next to Martin-Gropius-Bau, which houses the exhibit, is another called, "The Topography of Terror," documenting the history of the Gestapo, the SS, and the Central Office for the Security of the Reich.

Another address in Berlin will be opened to the public as a discussion centre and venue for a documentary exhibition about the Holocaust.

It appears that Germany is beginning to acknowledge its recent history.

Sephardi Jews in Greece

Greece was one of the countries that received Sephardi Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. The Greek Government is cooperating with the central board of Jewish Communities in Greece for the program called "Sepharad '92."

Most of the Jews who arrived in that area settled in Salonica, which was called "Madre d'Israel" during the 18th and 19th centuries. A place has been designated in Salonica where a forest will be planted in memory of the 70,000 Jews of Greece who perished during the Holocaust. A commemorative stamp will be issued on the occasion of "Sepharad '92."

The Ministry of Tourism in Greece has decided to republish a booklet, *The Jewish Heritage in Greece* and to create travel programs and to restore ancient synagogues and other monuments of the Jewish Sephardic heritage in Greece, so that Jewish tourists may be attracted.

There will be a program of the Philharmonic Orchestra of Athens which will feature violinist Isaac Stern and a performance of the opera, "Nabuco" by Giuseppe Verdi, as well as other programs suitable to the celebration.

The Abraham Fund

The Abraham Fund, an American-based foundation dedicated to fostering co-existence of Jews and Arabs, has endorsed the nomination of Shulamith Katznelson, an Israeli woman, for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ms. Katznelson developed courses for teaching Hebrew and Arabic. She is director of Ulpan Akiva in Netanya, where she has pioneered a variety of programs encouraging Jewish-Arab understanding through study of each other's language and culture.

The founder of the Abraham Fund, Alan B. Slifka, believes the Ulpan holds positive implications for current peace negotiations. "No matter what happens . . .Jews and Arabs must coexist—there is no alternative," he said.

A directory has been published by a New York based foundation, *The Abraham Fund,* which contains the names of 273 programs which foster coexistence of Jews and Arabs in Israel. They are organizations which nurse the sick, care for the aged, teach the young, clean up the environment, fight bureaucracy, protect civil rights and reach out to their neighbors.

The Abraham Fund, named for the biblical ancestor of Jews and Muslims, was established in 1989 to encourage financial support of such organizations. Dr. Eugene Weiner, coordinator of advanced studies in the department of sociology at Haifa University, is founding director of the Fund. The Abraham Fund Directory may be ordered from the Abraham Fund, 477 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Write for information.

Mazon

Mazon (the Hebrew word for food) is an organization founded in 1985 which raises money for the poor and hungry. Most of the money is generated by donations of individuals who voluntarily give 3 per cent of what they spend on celebrations such as weddings and Bar Mitzvot.

Allocations in 1991 totaled $1.2 million to Jewish and other agencies here and abroad, and the amount is increased for 1992, with a promised grant of $652,000 for the first half of the year.

In Elizabeth City, N.C. $6,000 will be given to help pay the salary of a social worker at Albemarle Food Bank. Some 700 synagogues in the U.S. are pledged to encourage their members to help the needy through Mazon.

Autonomy in Territories

Fear of Arab autonomy in Judea, Samaria and Gaza is a nightmare to all who are concerned with the safety of Israel.

The autonomy idea was proposed by the Israeli government in 1978, but that was before the Intifada, and today's government in Israel reminds us that parties to the Camp David accord have forsaken their agreement. Those accords have no legally binding power.

In the talks in Madrid, Palestinian Arabs said they regard autonomy as an "interim stage" prior to the creation of a PLO state. It is likely that Israel will reject pressure which may be exerted by the Bush administration to acquiesce to demands for autonomy.

The threat to Israel's survival is contrary to American interests and threatens to destabilize the entire Middle East.

These views are shared by Americans for a Safe Israel, together with the Christian Israel Public Action Campaign.

Christian Supporters of Israel

The Evangelical Christian community in the United States has long been a strength of support for Israel. Along with Christian-Israel Public Action Campaign (CIPAC) and Friends of Jerusalem, stand Sen. Orrin Hatch and Ed McAteer of the Religious Round Table. There are 10 million evangelicals whose spokesman, Ben Armstrong of the National Religious Broadcasters reminded President Bush that he promised in his 1988 campaign that there should be no Palestinian state on Israel's border.

Evangelical Christians in the United States are deeply sorrowed by the apparent lack of recognition they glean from American Jews, as they believe they can be a source of great influence on our government for the good of Israel.

Syrian Jews

A demand in the form of a paid advertisement calling for permission for 4,000 Syrian Jews to emigrate appeared in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post.*

The message was signed by three umbrella organizations representing 200 Jewish groups. Syrian Jews "live in fearful existence, punctuated by arbitrary arrests and torture, divided families and police sponsored intimidation. . .President Assad will not let them go," the ad stated.

Reform Synagogue in Tel Aviv

Twelve years after application was made to build a Reform Synagogue in Tel Aviv, a handsome two story building has been completed. The structure includes a nursery school, facilities for adult education and communal activities, besides the synagogue. It is named Bet Daniel, for major donors and leaders, Ruth and Gerard Daniel.

Rabbi Meir Azari is spiritual leader, aged 33, a recent graduate of the Hebrew Union College's Israeli rabbinical program.

Delay in building was caused by extreme religious elements, and their opposition has become apparent since its opening. Bet Daniel was desecrated by epithets such as "apostates" painted on its outside walls.

Over 500 people attended high holiday services this year, and the synagogue has 150 member families. The Israeli Progressive Movement now has a major synagogue in each of Israel's three largest cities, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

Jewish Leaders Consult on Environment

A consultation on environment and Jewish life was held in Washington, D.C. March 9 and 10. Senators and scientists were present, including Carl Sagan of Cornell University and Stephen Gould of Harvard. Noted rabbis and officers of leading Jewish organizations served as conveners and participants.

Concerns for ecological dangers were on the agenda. The conference was part of a collaborative process initiated in 1990 by the Joint Appeal in Religion and Science for the Environment. Heads of major American religious organizations, Nobel Laureates and eminent scientists and senators have formed a partnership to press the case for action for environmental sustainability.

Child Protection in Israel

The assumption that Jewish parents don't abuse their children was so strong that up until two years ago in Israel, child abuse was not classified as a criminal offense.

According to a recent survey by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, nearly 25,000 children are abused in Israel every year, and although these statistics of 1.5% of the child population are far below those of other developed countries, Israel is now among the most advanced in legislation to protect children.

The law obliges parents and child-care professionals, as well as neighbors, to report even a suspicion of child abuse either to police or social welfare agents. Failure to report is a criminal offense.

Children under 14 are protected by law from police interrogation and from testifying in court. Legislators and lawyers in other countries consider Israeli law highly progressive.

Though the issue is a painful one, Israel has admitted it has a problem and is taking extensive steps to address it.

6th Century Arch Recovered

A large stone block over a meter wide from an archway in front of a row of shops along a main thoroughfare of Beit-She'an in the Byzantine era has been discovered by archaeologists of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The portico stone was inscribed with eight lines in which the construction was dated about 500 C.E. and includes the names of the Byzantine Emperor Anastasius and the initiators of the project as Salustius and Silvanus, sons of Arsenius.

The Byzantine name of Beit She'an was Scythopolis, and the persons named relate to figures known in historical texts of the period.

Jewish Studies at Oxford

A one year program in 1992-1993 is offered at the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies. It is the largest advanced teaching and research institute of Judaic Studies in Europe.

The Centre is associated with Oxford University and of St. Cross College, Oxford, and is situated at Yarnton Manor, an elegant 17th century estate and at St. Giles', located in the city.

For information, write to The Student Registrar, One Year Programme in Jewish Studies, Yarnton Manor, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PY, UK.

Hungarian School Seeks Teachers

The North American Endowment School in Budapest, Hungary's first parochial school established and funded by the Endowment for Democracy in Eastern Europe, is recruiting teachers in the United States and Canada.

Needed are instructors in all areas of elementary and high school studies: Judaic studies, the sciences, history, social science, mathematics and English as a second language.

Budapest has over 75,000 Jews, whom the school serves. Familiarity with the Hungarian language is desirable, but not required to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

For additional information contact Mr. David Moskovits, (201) 339-0111 or Rabbi Moishe Possick, (212) 227-1000.

Endowment for Democracy in Eastern Europe and The North American Endowment School, Mesorot Avot is located at 237 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Urgent Need for Teachers in Israel

Volunteer teachers are needed to tutor English in Israel for the summer of 1992 and during the 1992-1993 academic year. Part-time assignments will be available in ORT schools, WIZO centers and public schools in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Netanya and other cities.

For application forms and further information, write to Ms. Edna D. Gordon, Director TOVS, c/o WZO, Dept. of Education, 110 E. 59 St., New York, N.Y. 10022. Enclose a self-addressed, legal sized (4 x 9") envelope with 54¢ postage.

Israel-Africa Relations

After the 1973 Mideast war, thirty African states switched their support to the Arab nations. Now Zambia is the 10th to restore diplomatic relations with Israel, and several have lower level ties with Israel. The gradual movement is encouraging in view of the assistance Israel is able to offer developing countries and because of needed trade benefits.

Action Against Hate Ads

A letter has been sent to 3,300 university and college presidents in the United States, urging them to reject anti-Semitic advertisements that claim the Holocaust never happened.

The ad was signed by Bradley Smith who represents a revisionist organization known as the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust. The ad has appeared in several university papers.

Kenneth S. Stern of the American Jewish Committee notes in the letter that Bradley Smith is connected to

Historical Review, an offshoot of the Liberty Lobby, the largest anti-Semitic group in America. He spread his message on talk radio shows before sending the ad to university newspapers. Though he has the right to spread lies, the newspapers are not obligated to accept them.

"An ad that calls the existence of the Holocaust into question is just as offensive as one that would question the existence of slavery. . ." Mr. Stern has appealed to the university presidents to alert their newspaper editors to the aim of the advertisements they may receive.

Arab Boycott

South Korea continues its boycott of trade with Israel, and refuses to allow Israel to reopen its embassy in Seoul which it shut down in 1978. Korean economic organizations follow their government's attitudes and refuse to do business with Israeli businessmen.

A spokesman for Hyundai (the automobile manufacturer) told the USA-Korean Chamber of Commerce that they fear to jeopardize the $3 billion Arab market. Korean shipyards refuse to service Israeli ships.

Despite the prevailing situation, in 1990 Israel exported $14.6 million of goods to South Korea and imported $11.3 million, figures deemed to be insignificant. South Korea has now declared the Embassy will be reopened, and expressed interest in increasing business with Israel.

By and large the multinational companies of Europe rarely challenge the anti-Israel boycott imposed by the Arab League. The twelve members of the European Community have issued statements and made vague promises to do something about it, but never have. European countries that are not members of the EC are even less inclined to disregard the boycott.

There are only two exceptions reported in *Boycott Report*, dated December 1991. Saab, the Swedish auto manufacturer, has been looking for a local agent in Israel to sell its cars, ignoring the boycott, and Volvo does exports its cars to Israel.

The latest defiance of the boycott is the action of Pepsico. Its products are widely sold in the Arab world, but it has awarded a franchise to Tempo Beer Industries in Israel, and Pepsico will invest $40 million in bottling plants in Israel.

Arab Boycott of Israel

An amendment to the appropriations bill for Commerce, Justice and State, H.R. 2608, was passed at the end of the first session of the 102nd Congress. It states that no funds for contracts with foreign or U.S. firms may be made available if the firm complies with the Arab League boycott of the State of Israel, or if it discriminates on the basis of religion.

The State Department has moved quickly to implement the amendment, which was introduced by Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D., S.C.)

Holdings and investments in the U.S. of Middle East oil exporters have dropped $6.5 billion between Dec. 31, 1990 and Sept. 30, 1991. At the later date, the figures were $60.6 billion. In 1982 the amount was $82 billion.

Lithuanian Survivors

The Anti-Defamation League is seeking to locate certain Holocaust survivors in response to a request from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

The call is for persons who may have knowledge regarding the persecution and murder of civilians in the Joniskelis distict of Lithuania between 1941 and 1943.

ADL also renews its call for witnesses to the persecution and murder of Jews in Lithuania's Joniskis district during the summer of 1941.

Both English-speaking and non-English-speaking witnesses will be welcomed.

Such persons should communicate with Elliot Welles, director, ADL Nazi War Criminals Task Force, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, or Kenneth I. Misrok, Trial Attorney, Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, Attention: Universal South, Room 1025; telephone (202) 673-3878.

Jewish Music in Lithuania

A twelve day international festival of Jewish music will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, beginning April 26. The event will include 24 concerts of symphonies, operas, choral, cantorial, klezmer and chamber music of the past 100 years.

The Druze

A senior Israel Television editor and an adviser on Druze affairs to the Prime Minister are both Druze. The Druze community chose to ally itself with the Zionist movement in the 1930s and in 1956, the State of Israel instituted compulsory service in the Israel Defense Forces for the Druze population in Israel. 215 of their number have died in the defense of the State.

Outside of the army, however, they are not so readily accepted into society. Some Jews believe they are not trustworthy, since they are Arabs. Although political parties condemn the discrimination, it persists although it is not the dominant view, but the effect is backwardness in the social and economic development of the Druze community. Among minority groups in Israel, the Druze have the lowest number of academics.

Tragically, many Druze have become victims of the *intifada*. They claim the fact that the Arab terrorists don't differentiate between them and Jews proves their fate to be linked with that of Israel.

Sourasky Medical Center Reports New Drug

Flumazenil, a drug that quickly revives unconscious patients who have taken overdoses of drugs like Valium or Librium, may "revolutionize" emergency treatment of those overdose cases, according to researchers at the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, where the drug has been undergoing clinical trials.

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Editorial



Working Together Works

by the Board of Directors, Blumenthal Jewish Home

In the early 60s, the Jewish community of the Carolinas joined together to create the North Carolina Jewish Home for the Elderly. Over 500 men and women from large and small cities and towns contributed $1,000 each to build a facility which would provide quality nursing care in a Jewish environment. These founders saw the need of a central Jewish institution which provided their loved ones with caring, nurturing and an extension of their Jewish family. The Home became not only their home but also their synagogue where they would be able to observe the Jewish traditions.

During the past 26 years, the Blumenthal Jewish Home has worked with the leadership of the communities to become a 190-bed facility providing assisted, intermediate and skilled nursing care. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the necessary funds to complete the Capital Projects and to sustain the ongoing operations of the institution. We need greater involvement within the Jewish Community to raise the $2 million for eliminating the debt on the Fair Oaks Project.

Being a Jewish institution and believing that it is our obligation to take care of our aged regardless of financial circumstances, the Home provides $672,000 annually in indigent care. These funds are not reimbursed by the Government and, therefore, we experience a substantial annual deficit. We are fortunate to receive allocations totalling $190,000 annually from the Federations to help us provide this care. As you can see, we still have a considerable shortfall.

There are several demographic trends which will cause a change in the Home's relationship with the Jewish communities of the Carolinas. People are moving to the area from the East and Midwest. As a result, the size of some of our Jewish communities has more than doubled. These newer citizens do not have an understanding and appreciation of the value of the Home to the region and will have to be educated. In some communities the Jewish population has disappeared.

America is graying. Most of our communities will double the size of their elderly population between 1980 and 2010. As the "baby boomers" become the aged, there will be an even greater strain on the infrastructure of the Jewish community to provide for the indigent.

There is no magical answer or panacea to these problems. However, there is an old idea which needs to be reinvented. It is the concept of partnership and working together. A key part of the Home's Mission Statement is that "The Board of Governors is committed to provide resources to work with community leaders throughout the State to develop local programs to serve the elderly. The Home may serve as a catalyst, a consultant or as a direct service provider."

We are suggesting that the Home work together with the leadership of your communities in developing a comprehensive plan that looks at future needs and the method of financing those needs. A partnership between the Home and the Jewish communities of the Carolinas is a necessity. For the two-state region, there will be consistent, integrated planning which could take advantage of economies of scale. For the communities, there would be an availability of expertise which could help them address the problems of serving their elderly. For the Home there would be an opportunity to develop a closer relationship with the leadership and the general population. More direct involvement from the community will result in understanding of need and ownership of the mission of the Home.

We, the Board of Directors, are asking for the cooperation of your Federations, Community Councils, Family Services and Community Centers in making the concept of "working together" a reality. The future of our Jewish elderly depends upon our success.

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"Discover Old Friends" is the theme for Older Americans Month in May. Rose Halpern, resident of Blumenthal Jewish Home, enjoys petting a new friend, the dog belonging to BJH Executive Director Don Morris.

BACK COVER:
Israel Celebrates 44 Years of Independence with Its Newest Citizens— Immigrants from Ethiopia. Photo by Zion Ozeri, UJA Press Service.

To the Editor

As we approach Israel's 44th Independence Day and the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, I look back in wonder at the momentous world events which have both stretched the imagination and presented the Zionist Movement with a virtually unparalleled challenge.

As old orders collapse and new ones emerge, the Zionist leadership has been privileged to participate in shaping new realities in the Jewish world. The movement has become a dynamic force, taking the initiative in reacting to global and local events, together with its partners in the Jewish Agency for Israel. As a result, we have begun to realize our age old dream of SHIVAT ZION and Israel is fast becoming the largest center of Jewish life and activity in the world.

In the last two years alone, we have brought home to Israel more than 400,000 Jews, including nearly 350,000 from the Soviet Union; orchestrated the dramatic airlift to Israel of the Ethiopian Jewish community and saved other Jewish communities in distress.

The past four years have witnessed one of the most dramatic periods in Zionist and Israeli history. Zionism is on the move again and the WZO is at the helm, ensuring that we will meet the continuing and critical challenges faced by the State of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide.

Sincerely,
Simcha Dinitz, Chairman
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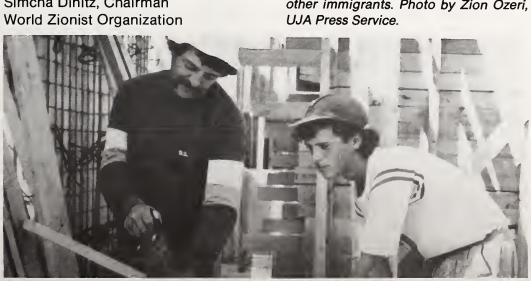
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Soviet Jews help build apartments for other immigrants. Photo by Zion Ozeri, UJA Press Service.



In Memory of Menachem Begin

by Estelle Hoffman

Sadness at the death of Menachem Begin, Israel's former Prime Minister, was deepened by thoughts about the end of his long and proud career.

He was born in Brest-Litovsk, Poland, in 1913. An ardent Zionist from early youth, he revered Vladimir Jabotinsky, with whose ideology he agreed. Both were strident Zionists, and after Begin received a law degree in 1935 from the University of Warsaw, he assumed leadership of Betar, a Zionist youth movement.

When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, he fled to Lithuania, but in 1940 the Soviet authorities arrested him and he was shipped to Siberia, sentenced to eight years in a concentration camp. However, after one year he was freed with 1.5 million Poles for induction into the Polish army.

He found his sister was the only member of his family to have survived when he reached Poland, when he became active in assisting Jews to emigrate illegally to Palestine.

He went to Iran with the Free Polish Army and then to Palestine, where he left that army. He learned English by listening to BBC radio, enabling him to serve in the British Army as an interpreter.

In 1943, he became leader of Irgun Tzvai Leumi, the liberation movement whose goal was to rid Palestine of the British by violent means, if necessary. He became renowned as a freedom fighter by Jews, but to the British he was a terrorist with a price of $50,000 on his head. He foiled the search for him by the disguise of an Orthodox rabbi.

In 1946, the Irgun announced its intent to bomb the King David Hotel. The British failed to heed the warning. The spectacular bombing by the Irgun killed 91 people and wounded 45, not only British, whose government offices were housed in the hotel, but Arabs and Jews, as well.

Two years later, Irgun attacked an Arab village near Jerusalem, Deir Yassin. Contradictory reports of what happened there are still heard.



Signing the Camp David Peace Treaty at the White House, March 26, 1979, are (L. to R.) President Anwar Sadat, Egypt; President James E. Carter, U.S.A.; Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Israel.

In 1948, Begin and others founded the Herut party and he became a leader of the opposition to the government of the new State of Israel. He opposed Ben Gurion with the vehemence which was his style, leading 15,000 wildly demonstrating protestors against the acceptance of German funds. Ben Gurion viewed the action as a threat to democracy, and Begin was chastised by a 15-month postponement of the assumption of his seat in the Knesset. Despite his efforts, the Knesset voted to accept the German money, which helped to absorb immigrants.

In 1967, he was appointed to a post in the Israeli cabinet, and ten years later he became prime minister. The outcast was finally rewarded. The Labor government ended and Likud triumphed. Menachem Begin held office for more than six years.

His most noted accomplishment was the peace treaty with Egypt, which resulted from his invitation to Anwar Sadat, and realized finally at Camp David in the United States with President Jimmy Carter. Begin and Sadat were rewarded with the Nobel Peace Prize.

After that great summit, Begin's career declined with the deterioration of Israel's economy and most traumatically from Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982. His limited intention was exceeded by Ariel Sharon, defense minister, and the duration of the operation and the death toll on both sides caused dissension among Israelis, with repercussions abroad.

Begin resigned shortly after the death of his wife, retiring into seclusion, wearily announcing, "I cannot go on." He had lived with his sense of strict morality, ever mindful of the Holocaust, determined to insure the strength of the Jewish homeland. His selflessness and courage in following the path he perceived to be right will rarely be matched.



President Carter and Prime Minister Begin embrace after signing Treaty.

Jerusalem Celebrates 25 Years of Reunification

The year 1992 will take on special significance for Israel as the country focuses on the 25th year of reunification of one of the world's most sacred cities, Jerusalem.

The Government of Israel's Ministerial Committee of Symbols and Festivities, headed by Gideon Patt, Israel's Minister of Tourism, has chosen the central theme to celebrate the anniversary from the Book of Psalms, "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" (Psalms, 122:6). The city will be the site of many cultural events scheduled not only for the actual week of reunification, May 16-21, but also throughout the year. Reunification Week will be marked by daily fireworks displays.

Other cultural events will include a week of Jewish Humor to be celebrated June 9-13 and a week of Mediterranean music, with the participation of music groups and singers from Turkey, Greece and other countries, planned for June 21-27. During the first week of July, Jerusalem will be host to a delegation of various theater groups, as well as an art exhibit from Moscow. An International Film Festival will be held from July 8-19 at Jerusalem's Cinematheque, and from July 19-25, there will be an exhibition entitled "Building in Jerusalem" which will be accompanied by lectures on the nature of Jerusalem's architecture.

The annual Zimriya, the international song festival, will take place in Jerusalem, July 27 to Aug. 6. This will be followed by a week of "Praise to Jerusalem" from Aug. 8-13, and will include musical and choral performances throughout the city. The week will culminate in a major concert, called "Concert of Love," taking place at the Sultan's Pool, with the majestic view of the Old City as a natural backdrop.

An international Puppet Theater Festival will be held in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden from Aug. 13-18, and the artists' quarter, Hutzot Hayotzer, will open up its doors to fellow artists from around the world for the first time ever.



A Festival of Kites in Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem is not only one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is a city of utmost importance to the three monotheistic religions and to millions of people.

"It is the pride of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel. We will commemorate its quarter century of reunification with festivities and other events, including conventions, tours of the city, competitions, posters, banners, a special commemorative coin and postage stamps," said Minister Patt.

"Jerusalem will be a pilgrimage point for all the tourists coming to Israel in 1992, and as the numbers already indicate, this year promises to be a peak year for tourism to the country."

Mideast's Troubled Waters

by George Gruen

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At the end of the multilateral peace talks in Moscow, participants set up a special working group on water issues. This reflects the realization that cooperation in exploiting scarce water resources will be a crucial component of any lasting Arab-Israeli peace agreement. This is imperative because most of the states of the Middle East, including Israel and Jordan, depend heavily upon water resources from outside their own borders.

In 1985, Egypt's Boutros Boutros-Ghali predicted that within a few years "water will become a more precious commodity than oil" and unless cooperative agreements are reached, "the next war in the Middle East will be fought over water."

The wasted Nile flow alone is greater than the total annual renewable water in Israel. This winter's rainfall has only temporarily alleviated the devastating effects of years of drought and rapid population growth. Competition for control of the scarce water resources of the largely arid Holy Land has been a source of friction since Biblical times. It is today a cricital political issue in the bilateral Arab-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli talks.

Some 30-35% of the water used by Israel's population originates as rainfall that replenishes the shared Yarkon-Taninim aquifer. While most of the water falls on the hills of the West Bank, it flows westward toward the Mediterranean and comes out in springs in the coastal plain within Israel's pre-1967 border. Palestinians seek to control their "Palestinian water," but Israelis stress that they were using water from that source since long before the 1967 war. They claim a legal right to continue to do so based on the principle of established historical usage, just as Egypt does with regard to the "Ethiopian waters" of the Nile.

Israel's major source of water is the Jordan River, two of whose three sources originate in Syria. Damascus's efforts in the 1960s to divert the headwaters to cripple Israel economically led to Israeli-Syrian clashes and rising regional tensions, ending in the Six-Day War. By capturing the Golan Heights, Israel not only stopped Syrian harassment of Israeli farmers in the valley below, but gained control of the vital Baniyas and Hasbani sources of the Jordan River.

Jordan's principal water source is the Yarmuk River, which also rises in Syria and then forms the border between Syria and Jordan before flowing into the Jordan River. International funding for a joint Jordanian-Syrian Unity Dam to store the Yarmuk's winter flood waters has been blocked by absence of agreement on Israel's share of the flow. The dam's utility is being questioned because Syria has built some 30 earthen dams

on the Yarmuk's upper tributaries, trapping and diverting much of the water before it reaches Jordan. On learning of this, one former Jordanian official burst out: "The Syrians have dwarfed our dam!"

The U.S.-backed Johnston Plan of the mid-1950s proposed using the Sea of Galilee to store Yarmuk winter runoff, but the Arabs refused to store their water in a reservoir within Israel's territory. Many experts still consider this the most practical and economical solution.

How can one cut this Gordian knot? Outside powers, including the U.S., can help spur the contending parties toward agreement in three crucial ways:

1. Providing a vision of what the mutual benefits of peaceful cooperation might be.

2. Establishing a center for collection, analysis and exchange of data on all aspects of water resources mapping, management and recycling and on related environmental issues.

3. Offering technical assistance and financial aid to those prepared to conclude water agreements with their neighbors.

In conditions of peace, Israel's pioneering work in arid zone research, in drip irrigation and other water conservation techniques could benefit all its neighbors. Israel had many of these ideas on its agenda for the multilateral talks. There is already open Egyptian-Israeli cooperation and some clandestine import of Israeli technology and equipment by Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco.

Although it may be years before the political climate to implement joint projects will be ripe, it is crucial to begin preparing the ground now.

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Election Reform in Israel

Israel's Knesset has passed a bill providing for the first fundamental electoral reform since the State's creation.

Enacted by a vote of 52-23, the bill provides for direct election of the prime minister, beginning with the elections to follow those scheduled for this June. The system provides for two elections at least once every four years, to be held simultaneously for Knesset members and prime minister.

Voters will continue to choose a party list, as in the past, with each party's proportion of Knesset seats determined by percentage of the vote. The prime minister will be elected directly by separate ballot and will have authority to form a government. Knesset approval will be necessary for him to assume office.

It is hoped the new system will no longer be dependent on minority parties to form a government. Other proposals for reform remain.

CJF Loan Guarantee Program

The North American Jewish Federations have given the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) final approval for the CJF $900 million Loan Guarantee Program for the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel, CJF President Charles H. Goodman announced April 6 at a meeting of the organization's Board of Directors at the New York Hilton Hotel.

This major philanthropic enterprise authorizes CJF to guarantee direct loans of up to $1,250 per immigrant from Israeli banks. The immigrants have 10 years to repay the loans, with no money due to the banks during the first three years.

The program, which is not related to Israel's request for $10 billion in loan guarantees from the United States government, is a response by the Federation System to the challenge presented by the immigration of up to one million Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel over a three-year period. Traditional fundraising would not have been adequate to meet the enormous costs of resettling the newcomers.

The loan guarantees requested by Israel from the United States would have permitted Israel to receive favorable interest rates in its borrowings. The CJF program, however, guarantees direct loans to the immigrants themselves to help them meet the costs of starting new lives.



Rabbi Arthur Schneier (L.) touches Mezuzah at Israel's newly-opened embassy in Beijing, with Ambassador Zeev Sufot (R.).

Appeal of Conscience Delegates Visit China

A delegation of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, headed by Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, visited Beijing, Shanghai and Xiamen, and issued a report of China's interest in Jews and Israel.

Accompanying the rabbi were clergy of Christian churches who are trustees of the Appeal, Mrs. Elisabeth Schneier and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rosen of New York.

Diplomatic relations with Israel were restored after 25 years, and in Shanghai there are three institutes devoted to Jewish studies. 25,000 Jews who fled the Nazis in Europe were given refuge in Shanghai. Though the refugees left China after the war, the buildings they had used as synagogues are still standing, and there was discussion about using them as a museum and archives to record the sojourn of the Jews in China.

This is the fourth time since 1981 that the Foundation has gone to China as official guests of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. The invitation was issued by former Chinese Ambassador to the U.S., Han Xu.

Better Late Than Never

The first in a series of travel pieces on Israel and Egypt

by Joseph Cohen

All of his life my father dreamed of going to *Eretz Yisrael,* of settling in Palestine before it became Israel, of playing his own small role in the new nation after the War for Independence, of praying at the Western Wall—oh, how he wanted to pray at the Wall—of living out his years in the land of his forefathers, and, at the end of his days, now long since passed, of being buried in its sacred earth. He never made it.

There were many times in my own life when I didn't think I'd make it either. For too long the Promised Land was only that, a promise, not a viable reality. In a time when American Jews travel to Israel frequently and even forget how many times they've been there over the years, I couldn't go.

As it was for my father, so Israel has always been important to me, but for different reasons. While his link was ancient, traditional and religious, my attraction has been modern, political and cultural: I need to identify with the aspirations and the hopes of our people, long persecuted but now free and vibrant, building a new country, rising phoenix-like from the ashes of the Holocaust, and, additionally, I need to experience and savor its unique culture, particularly through its literature.

For me it has never been enough to acknowledge and exult over the miracle of the creation of the modern State of Israel, or as most Jews do, to take pride in its achievements and agonize over its problems. I have to go a step further and be involved with the ebb and flow of its personal interiorized life (as opposed to its exteriorized public life) through the pulsetakings of its serious writers. That's all well and good if one is fluent in Hebrew. All I remember from my Bar Mitzvah in 1939 is a few prayers.

Daddy didn't make it. I couldn't go. I can't read Hebrew. What would you do in a jam like that? Write a book about a country you've never even set foot in, about its poets and novelists who are experts in the most masterful subtleties of a language you don't even know? Well, why not? You talk about *chutzpah!* Alan Dershowitz, move over.

Chutzpah or not, I wrote the book. As director of the Jewish Studies Program at Tulane University, I had the opportunity to invite Israelis to come to the campus to lecture. In a space of five years I brought seventeen of them to New Orleans, including the poets Yehuda Amichai and T. Carmi, and the novelists A.B. Yehoshua, Aharon Appelfeld and Amos Oz. (There were a couple of other Israelis almost as important as these writers. What's that fellow's name, the one with the Oxford accent who is as articulate as Winston Churchill was articulate? Abba somebody, I think. He came, too.)

The poems and novels of the above named Israeli writers were all accessible, translated into English; and with their congenial authors' willingness to be interviewed I soon had enough material to write *Voices of Israel,* published by the State University Press of New York in 1990. For a university press book, it has done all right if you don't ask about royalties. The paperback is already into a second printing, and the folks at Haifa University have told me it's on the required reading lists there.

But what to do about going to Israel? Writing the book only whetted my appetite more. When my second wife Ruth Samuels and I were married in the summer of 1987 some of our friends, knowing we already had two full households of furniture, silver, china, linens, books, pictures, *tsatskes* and a dog and a cat, decided we didn't need another pitcher or toaster and instead put together an Israel travel fund as a wedding gift, the trip was practically jump-started into reality. Better late than never!

It took a while to put the rest of the pieces into place, but the reality is that we touched down at Ben Gurion Airport late on the afternoon of December 14, 1991. Actually, our first taste of Israeli life at close hand came in the TWA boarding lounge at de Gaulle Airport in Paris. It was packed with Israelis on their way home. We encountered a cross-section of them, families with young children, students, *kibbutzniks,* older people: the transplanted *bubbies* and *zaydes* of eastern Europe, businessmen, some rebbes, a few other Americans who had made *aliyah* years before.

People were talking animatedly, gesticulating, pushing around one another, in perpetual motion. The rush and crunch was intriguing, the interaction phenomenal. We were in the middle of a clannish, *haimisher* picnic. Once we had boarded the plane, the picnic went right on. Over the loudspeaker the stewardess literally begged people to take their seats so the plane could take off. They ignored her appeals and the take-off was delayed. It was our first introduction to the proverbial Israeli stubbornness we were to encounter later a number of times.

Later in Haifa, when we were telling A.B. and Rivka Yehoshua about the airborne picnic, they explained to us that once Israelis are on their way home, they act as if they are already there. Leaving Israel, they said, on outboard flights, the Israelis are as subdued as passengers anywhere else in the world. This we found to be true later in the trip when a couple of nights before Christmas we flew EL AL from Ben Gurion Airport to Cairo, Egypt, and hardly a creature was stirring.

Landing at Ben Gurion Airport on our arrival, we found that hardly a baggage-handler was stirring. Talk about a welcome to the Holy Land! As our plane taxied in, the steward announced that the baggage-handlers, protesting an inequitable annual distribution of bonuses, had gone on a slow-down strike and were taking anywhere from two to eight hours to unload the baggage on incoming planes. We had been traveling about thirty hours by then and still had to clear customs. The baggage-handlers had no promise to keep, and we had hours to go before we could sleep. We lined up glumly alongside the baggage carousel and waited. Happily, the bags came gliding toward us

a half hour later, and soon we were in a taxi headed toward Tel Aviv and our first night there at the Grand Beach Hotel. The van was full, more crowded than it seemed and only I knew why. Ruth was on one side of me, and—Oh, I know, you'll think this is corny—on the other side, I could really sense his presence: there was my father sitting on the edge of his seat, smiling.

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Replace Loan Guarantee Loss with Investment, Purchases of Israeli Goods and Tourism

by Elmer L. Winter
Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

Business leader Elmer L. Winter has challenged the American Jewish community to help offset the loss of United States loan guarantees by mounting an intensive campaign to promote tourism, boost sales of Israeli goods in this country and increase private business investment in Israel on an unprecedented scale.

"With the $10 billion program dead in the water," said the chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel (CEGI), "a crisis has developed that requires world Jewry to 'circle the wagons' by doing everything possible to create jobs in Israel."

He added: "That means an immediate infusion of investments—both for manufacturing and R & D, plus a program targeted at buying Israeli products and expanded tourism to Israel. We cannot accept a situation where more than 200,000 Israelis are unemployed and immigration is plummeting because there are too few jobs in Israel."

In a newsletter sent to Jewish organizations and corporate executives throughout the country, Mr. Winter announced that CEGI would mount a strong marketing effort to attract American companies to do business in Israel, emphasizing Israel's high-quality engineers and scientists. "We need to tell American corporate executives how they can make a high return on their investment, as 150 successful U.S. firms in Israel have proven," he said.

While purchases of State of Israel Bonds and contributions to the United Jewish Appeal are now reaching record proportions, Mr. Winter observed, "they are insufficient by themselves to replace the loss of borrowed capital that would have been forthcoming if the Bush Administration had approved the loan guarantees."

What Federations Can Do

In his report, Mr. Winter urged Jewish federations across the country to add a new dimension to their activities by:

- Developing job opportunities in their Project Renewal areas by organizing specialized missions to Israel for business executives to meet their Israeli counterparts.
- Calling the attention of local companies to the investment incentives and tax holidays offered to foreign investors by the Government of Israel. Among these, he said, are a 38 percent investment credit, the possibility of a 10-year postponement of income taxes or a guarantee of 66 2/3 percent of the amount of the original investment. In addition, American companies can conduct R & D in Israel through a BIRD (Binational Research and Development) grant, which will cost only 25 cents on the dollar.
- Organizing committees to develop local markets for Israeli goods and services.
- Stepping up federation-sponsored tours to Israel.

What National Agencies Can Do

The CEGI chairman, who was co-founder and longtime president of Manpower, Inc., called on national Jewish membership organizations, including Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, Na'amat USA and the National Council of Jewish Women, to mobilize their memberships to buy consumer products with the "Made in Israel" label.

"The quickest way to create new jobs in Israel is by boosting exports," he said. "Every Jewish organization should make buying Israeli goods a top priority."

What Prime Minister Shamir Should Do

Mr. Winter also outlined a six-point program that he said Prime Minister Shamir of Israel should "immediately undertake.":

- Issue a clear-cut statement pledging that the government will take all necessary steps to bring about economic reform leading to a free-market economy.
- Stress Israel's commitment to the Middle East peace process—"an issue of major importance to foreign investors."
- Appoint a blue-ribbon committee of American and Israeli chief executive officers to develop a strategic plan for attracting U.S. investors.
- Send Israeli executives—similar to the dollar-a-year men who have served the U.S. as volunteer executives—to the U.S. as representatives of the Government of Israel to explain the advantages of doing business in the Jewish state.
- Step up the sale of Government-owned companies and banks.
- Sell off portions of Government-owned land—at reasonable prices.
- Launch an international campaign to end the Arab boycott. "Such an effort has already borne fruit with Kuwait, and Japan and South Korea are also moving toward trade with Israel," he noted.

Mr. Winter, whose committee consists of more than 100 American and Israeli business executives, also announced the availability of 10 CEGI manuals to assist foreign companies interested in doing business in Israel. The publications include a list of importers of Israeli products in the United States and such titles as "10 Ways You Can Profitably Do Business in Israel—How an American Company Makes $1 Million Net After Israeli Taxes on $5 Million of Sales."

These booklets are available at minimal cost by writing or calling the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, 5301 No. Ironwood Rd., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53217; (414) 961-1000.

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For those looking for the prettiest beaches with exciting night life, an extension package to Eilat can be added to any EL AL **"Milk & Honey"** package. Sun seekers can fly to Eilat from Tel Aviv roundtrip for $116 and spend three nights at a deluxe hotel on the shores of the Red Sea starting at $183, including daily Israeli breakfast. Among the attractions in Eilat are the Coral World Underwater Observatory, providing visitors with a unique view of the area's deep sea life, and King Solomon's Mines, a short distance away.

Travelers can fly to Cairo from Tel Aviv roundtrip for $146, and take advantage of a 3 night extension with deluxe accommodations starting at $279, including daily continental breakfast and touring. Or, travelers can take the longer 5 night trip and discover the ancient pyramids and explore the mysterious Nile. This trip also includes flights between Cairo-Aswan-Luxor-Cairo, daily continental breakfast and sightseeing, and starts at $739.

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Recently I read a book by Paul Mantee, entitled, *In Search Of the Perfect Ravioli.* This clever novel follows a man who spontaneously decides to recreate his grandmother's favorite Sunday recipe. To do this he must go back in time and regurgitate his memories as well as memories of his divorced parents, his cousins and friends. Minute memories and monumental events, some funny, some excruciatingly painful, all meaningful.

The question is, "Shouldn't we all search for that recipe?" To me it might be *matzah balls* or Aunt Pauline's hamburgers, to you it might be *tzimmes* or noodle *kugel.* I do not mean just to please our palates; I mean to find what recipe we are made up of.

My favorite history professor, Dr. D. C. Sossomon, taught western civilization at Western Carolina University. I think one of the main reasons for his love of history was to teach it to inquiring minds so that the same disastrous errors generations had previously made would not be repeated. He made history a joy to learn. He made us feel that we were there with Nostradamus, that we personally knew him.

On an otherwise uneventful day in New York in 1919, two little boys, one seven and one six, were walking home from school. What Sol and Jack Schulman saw that day would change their lives forever. They heard sirens, screaming, and saw a paddywagon taking their mother off in a straitjacket. She would never return. Anna Schulman, my grandmother, evidently had mental illness that may have been brought on by menopause. Her situation today might be treated with hormone therapy. In that day, it meant Anna would be housed in state institutions becoming increasingly ill for the next fifteen years until her death in 1936 of cancer.

I have spent a good deal of money and time to get to know Anna Schulman. I feel sure she is the reason I write. I am not a mystical person. I don't hold seances, but I'm sure of one thing. I must find Anna. I must go back. I have hired a genealogical investigator to research those events for me. Though the State of New York ordered all records of her stays destroyed; though I was told I would never find anything about Anna, I have already found much, and I will find out more.

What does this have to do with you? Plenty. We are taught from an early age that there is no magic (lack of scientific reason) for a change to happen. I believe that not only is there a magic to life but when we lose it we have lost everything. As you read this you may have had a good day; a big sales day in your business, a breakthrough in your therapy, a special talk with your son, daughter or wife. You have not done this alone. Everything we do is made up of millions upon millions of previous events that got us to that moment; most of which we have no idea even happened. You need to know who your ancestors were, not just their names; you need really to know them. Then you might get close to knowing you and close in on that magic that probably is missing in your life.

We must not just know of the gas chambers of Auschwitz. It is not enough. We must feel the heat of the ovens. We must know the unnamed kind person who gave our grandmother a kind word when she needed it, a piece of bread when she was hungry. It is not enough to know of the valiant efforts of your Aunt Liena and Uncle Aaron in overthrowing an evil czar during the Bolshevik Revolution. We must hear the sounds of a prison door being locked on them and feel the joy of escaping to a country where they could be free.

The facts are whether you do this or not, those preceding events are still part of your recipe today—your particular make-up. You might as well be aware of it. Bill Ohlsen is a North Carolinian that makes movies. He will tell you in his screenplay writing class that one of the most important things to learn in creating a winning screenplay is not to turn your back on your roots. It makes your writing authentic and real to write from what you know. I agree and I will take that a step further. Whether you ever have a desire to write the next Oscar winning movie or not, it is still the same. Know your roots. Feel the snow on your face just as your grandmother did in Vilna a hundred years prior. Feel the failures and successes of those that walked on the very same sidewalks you just walked today. That will make you a real *mensch,* an authentic person.



Gravestone of Anna Schulman

There is a television minister who says, "Tomorrow's letters never get written." He is correct. Before it is too late, tonight, right now, sit down and write a letter or make a phone call. Find out who you are by asking who

you were. Not just the names. Find out the *chozzerai* and the *bubbamisas*. What you will receive is nothing short of pure magic no matter what the scientist will tell you.

Dear Anna, one day I am going to find you. We will have a little lunch, a glass of tea, and maybe, just maybe, I can make you smile. Your *boychik*, Sol, turned out just fine. He just had his eightieth birthday. I am his son and though we never met, I love you. I am coming to know who you were and then I may know me. Tell me, Anna, tell me everything.

I will give her that hug I never was able to do. Maybe then we will both find peace. Why don't you do it, too? Go back and give someone that forgotten hug, say what you would have liked to have said. Trust me. It is not too late. Don't be ashamed or fearful. Just tell your *mishpocheh* that Anna's grandson sent you.

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Rubin's Osceola Lake Inn Hendersonville, N.C.

Rubin's OSCEOLA LAKE INN in Hendersonville, N.C. is celebrating its 52nd season when it re-opens on May 20. For the past one-half century they have been constantly expanding and improving the facilities at the Inn. In addition to the newest guest accommodations, there are: a nine-hole putting green, golf driving cage, all weather tennis court, swimming pool, whirlpool hot tub, boating, fishing, badminton, volley ball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, ping-pong and pool tables. (Championship 18-hole golf course, racquetball and handball courts are just 1 mile away). "The Inn is popular with outdoor enthusiasts as well as those who merely seek relaxation," Rubin says.

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Beth Shalom
Cary, N.C.
by Debra Bruck

Sixties Dance—Fundraiser

What a wild evening for members and friends of Beth Shalom! Everyone danced and sang for four hours. How quickly the lyrics of the old tunes came back to us. The disc-jockey flashed the big colored lights and mirrored globe, as we did the twist, the monkey, the mashed-potatoes and even line dances to our favorite oldies. He brought out the limbo stick. We hooted and hollered as Sonny Lee flexed her back and got down dirty and low.

The decoration committee outdid themselves. Thank you to Vivien Furini, Judy Julian, Trudi Krasner, Lauri Rosenthal and Edith Ross. Thank you to the setup and cleanup committees. Fluorescent flowers on the walls, balloons on the tables and news-trivia articles helped us reminisce. We noshed on hors d'oeuvres and chips, and ravished the fondue and cake. Adrien Montoya prepared the food and Pia Stadiem provided her famous cake.

Near the end of the evening, we paused to sing-a-long with Barry Strulson and his guitar. Special door prizes, gifts and the raffle of the donated Motorolla Centel Cellular Phone were awarded.

A special thank you goes to Sally Zenick as program coordinator. Great job!

Purim Service

A carnival-like atmosphere prevailed at Beth Shalom's Purim service. Our community—many in costume—gathered for the public reading of the Megillah. Student Rabbi Estelle Gottman, Barry Strulson, Barry Blumenthal, Amanda Blumenthal, Justin Wiser, Raymond Stadiem and Aaron Cheskis retold this victorious story. The joy of the celebration was evident with happy faces and in the deafening noise of groggers.

Purim Carnival

The Youth Group committee did a fabulous job of organizing the carnival activities. The students had meetings to decide on games, work on creating and preparing each center. When the action began the children were pinned with a triangle with twelve numbers. At each center the student representative marked off the number on the triangle. Everyone had a free chance to play each activity. There were no long lines, scrambling, or tugging on parents' clothes, as the room was so well organized and fully staffed. The colorful prizes were spread out on a big table for all the kids to see.

After all the fun, the luncheon was served. The menu consisted of bagels, cheeses, vegetable chili, pasta salad, Hamentaschen, coffee and soda. Student Rabbi Estelle Gottman and Sharyn Caudell, the resident clown/face painter, helped choose the winning costumes. The pretty little Queen Esthers made you want to ooh and aah. Michelle Krasner was Queen for a day, runner-up was Alician Rosenthal. Baby Kinsey Blumenthal won the Vashti vote! Aaron Cheskis, dressed in the black uniform, was the grim reaper.

A big thank you goes to Vicky Lipsky and all her committee members. And most especially to the Youth Group Committee, including Sharyn Caudell, Steve Hand, Mike Hoovler, Barbara Robinson, Ira Tucker and Jeff Weiner, who advised the students and helped them prepare for this holiday event. Future events planned for the youth group are Putt-Putt golf outing in April, attending a baseball game and a tour of a local museum this summer.

Pulpit Exchange

On Friday night, May 22, the congregation of First Reform Church will attend services with us; and on Sunday morning, May 24, we are invited to attend their service. Both services will be "teaching" services. This will improve our understanding of people of other faiths. Rabbi Gottman will answer questions the students may have concerning the services.

Scout Service

Friday, Feb. 28, the congregation celebrated Shabbat with a Scout service. The Scouts—boys and girls of all troops—and their parents wore uniforms. Faces were bright and rosy with embarrassment as the different groups spoke a few words, sang or recited before the audience. The purpose of this annual service is to recognize the beneficial aspects of scouting in the lives of our youths.

Sisterhood

The meeting March 8 at the Cary Arts Center hosted guest speaker, Toby Kramer, director of JCS. She enlightened us with news about the Jewish Community Services, their growing programs, the help they provided for Jewish families, people in need of counseling, resettlement in Raleigh, and their affiliation with the greater Wake County Jewish Federation. We were deeply involved in dialogue about the counseling services for intermarried couples, and saw a need to participate and become more active in the programs. Our children have many opportunities to meet the other Jewish children in the Raleigh area because of all the planning and local events led by Betsy Cottle, Youth Program coordinator.

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Welcome back to all of our summer brethren. The year-round community has had many activities over the winter. We hope you will join us for the coming events.

Ladies Auxiliary

Miriam Zucker, president, reported that sixty people attended the Chanukah Brunch in December. "City Slicker" was the feature of a Movie Night in March. Megillah reading and a Purim Party were also held in March. The Community Seder was held April 17.

On June 24, the Annual Luncheon at the Cedars will be held with another fashion show by "Great Expectations."

The Women's Bible Class, taught by Ruth Sher, studied the Jewish Publication Society's English translation of the Bible. The class began with Genesis in October and met regularly to learn Torah. In April, the fifteen women had reached the foot of Mount Sinai. They will continue their studies in October.

Brotherhood News

President Paul Prosky is pleased that 85 men have paid their dues.

Plans for the next six months include five one-day trips to Dillsboro, Dollywood, "Unto These Hills," Pigeon Forge, and the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The trip to Dollywood will be on Wednesday, May 20. Call (704) 693-6174 for details.

Tentative dates for breakfasts scheduled with a variety of speakers are: May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16 and Sept. 6.

This past winter, the Brotherhood established a display of crafts being produced by members. The display is permanently located in the Social Hall. Other members who have created crafts may submit them for the display.

Wednesday Night Discussion Group

Audrey Rubin reported that the Wednesday Night Discussion Group continued through the fall and winter. November's format was a round-table discussion of the Madrid Peace Talks. We analyzed their worth and tried to predict the future of these historic meetings between Arab and Jew. We also saw a need for clarification of Israel's request for loan guarantees from the U.S. due to the misconception of many who believed they were requesting funds.

Our own Polly Eskenasy, specialist in and teacher of Mid-East languages and religions, stimulated our January meeting with a discussion of prejudice. She based her conclusions upon her extensive odyssey throughout the Mid-East. She has reached some very thought-provoking conclusions.

In February, Michael Schwartz, a recent resident of Hendersonville and son of new members Marilyn and Bernard Schwartz, presented a talk and slide show about his years living in Israel. Michael went there after college and was a city dweller, a *kibbutznik* and spent two years in the Israeli Army.

Congregation News

The congregation mourns the losses of Sophia Tursky Lessing on Jan. 5, 1992, and Louis Heller on Jan. 6, 1992. Deepest sympathy to their families.

Mazel Tov to Freda Levitt on the marriage of her son Laurence to Nicky Mueller on May 2 at the Ceders.

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Temple Beth ha-Tephila
Asheville, N.C.
by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

On March 7, the group met to discuss "The Jews of Amsterdam." Following a continental breakfast and a brief Sabbath prayer, the subject was examined in depth. Leah Karpen was moderator.

The Sisterhood

Under the leadership of Lillian Bieber and her co-chairperson Shirley Rapoport, a combined rummage sale and bazaar were held Sunday, March 8 through the 10th. As an example of hard work for fun and profit, as the ads used to say, this was outstanding; all involved really extended themselves, and the results made our treasurer smile all the way to the bank.

A general meeting on March 16 featured a most illuminating talk called "This is Your World" by Stephanie Cooper. Ms. Cooper is president of Cooper Travel Service and a former president of our Sisterhood. Dessert and coffee were served.

The Brotherhood

A videotape from the Central Conference of Reform Rabbis on the history of the Rabbinate was shown at the Brotherhood's Oneg Shabbat on March 20. Rabbi Bluming led a discussion on the tape.

A Brotherhood brunch was held on March 22 for Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless. The cooking, delivery and serving were taken care of by "Chief Chef Bob Janowitz, joined by Social Service chairman Fred Hoffman and Frank Gilreath, Arnold Sgan, Dick Braun and Les Schachter," according to Brotherhood president Arnold Sgan's notes in the Temple bulletin.

The Religious School

Phyllis Bluming, school principal, reported that the Religious School's Shabbat service on Feb. 14 was "a huge success. The students did a magnificent job participating and deserve praise. Others to thank include Dr. David Katz, our Jr. High class co-teacher, who was our musical accompanist par excellence during our week of preparation for this special night; all the teachers in our Religious School who practiced parts with their students; and Rabbi Bluming for preparing with us and conducting the service.

"And to Mrs. Brenda Lebensburger who coordinated the Friday night Oneg, and all the parents who provided food and beverage, thank you for all you did! It not only was a Shabbat Shalom, but a joyous Shabbat!"

The second annual dinner-theater fundraiser on Feb. 29 lived up and beyond all expectations. The British farce "See How They Run" was hilariously performed by the Gant Players. Brenda Lebensburger was in charge of ticket sales; Jean Hansman coordinated the dinner which the parents prepared and served.

The Purim covered dish supper was held on schedule, with children in costume and commentary by Rabbi Bluming. He and Phyllis Bluming, religious school principal, and other attending adults, were in costume, too.

A Grate (oops!) Great Help

A special thank you was extended to Fred Hoffman for his work in proofreading the Temple Bulletin.

Congratulations

Evan Gilreath, son of Frank and Ellen Gilreath, has become a member of the National Honor Society.

Heather Safferstone, third grade in our Religious School, won the Sisterhood camp scholarship; she will spend 2 weeks this summer at UAHC Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Ga.

Beth Israel Synagogue
Asheville, N.C.
by Lillian R. Wellisch

The Common Sense-Self Defense course, arranged by Barbara Michalove and sponsored by Beth Israel Sisterhood, has just ended. Beth Israel invited women, age 13 and up, from Beth ha-Tephila, Jewish Community Center and Hadassah to join our women. It was a very stimulating course (eight weeks) and each week the number in attendance increased.

Beth Israel Sisterhood members, having baked up a storm of Hamantaschen for Megillah night, also delivered Shalach Manot baskets to our Jewish Community members at the Summit, as well as to other members of our Synagogue.

On March 9, Beth Israel honored those people who have served on the Hevra Kadisha Committee. It is part of our glorious tradition to honor, yearly, the men and women who fulfill this very important *mitzvah:* the religious preparation of bodies for burial.

Syrian Jews Remembered

On March 13, Rabbi's sermon was "The Sabbath of Remembrance for Syrian Jewry." Rabbi said, "The Shabbat before Purim is traditionally marked as Shabbat Zakhor (Sabbath of Remembrance), when we are instructed to obliterate the memory of Amalek, who tried to destroy the Jewish people. In recent years, this Shabbat has been dedicated to the

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memory of four young Jewish women from Damascus who were brutally murdered in March 1974, while trying to escape from Syria. Their mutilated bodies were dumped in sacks outside of their families' homes in Damascus. The crime has gone unpunished to this day. In their memory, we dedicate Shabbat Zachor to the plight of the Syrian Jews today. Synagogues around the country will be commemorating this Sabbath together."

Ruth Baer Cooley, chairman of the Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, reported that we have benefactors and contributors to the Torah Fund/Residence Halls Campaign for the year 1991-92 in compliance with the traditions of other Conservative Sisterhoods. Ruth is also sending Torah Fund cards from Sisterhood to Beth Israel Women on occasions of illness and bereavement.

The Adult Education Committee of the Synagogue reports that the Heritage films, which also featured Dr. Sheldon Neuringer, professor of History at Warren Wilson College, for commentary and leading discussions, were a great success.

Plans are being formulated for our Scholar-in-Residence weekend later this spring.

On March 14, we again had a Seudat Shlisheet with Torah Talk, songs, *nigunim,* spiritual and physical sustenance, followed by a light meal and a Havdalah service. It was a great experience for veteran Shabbat keepers and newcomers to Shabbat.

On Purim, children, parents and others came in a wide and diversified imagination of costume.

The rafters rung with the Megillah reading, accompanied by antics and noise making at the mere mention of Haman's name. A Purim play by all of our Sunday School children was very effective with budding Sarah Bernhardts, John Barrymores, and an occasional Gypsy Rose Lee, to make a most enjoyable rendition of the story of Esther. Moms, dads, aunts and uncles were *kvelling* with cameras and videos. Refreshments were served in the social hall to top off the early evening.

Personals

Dr. David Citron Honored at NCCJ Awards Banquet

The 21st Annual Awards Banquet of the 65-year-old National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) was held in Charlotte, N.C. on April 1. In the grand ballroom of the Omni Charlotte Hotel, 650 of the area's finest people gathered to pay tribute to Dr. David Citron, Charlotte physician, teacher and health care activist.

Dr. Bob Albright, president of Johnson C. Smith University, presided over the celebration. The Silver Medallion awarded to Dr. Citron honors the recipient who enhances the quality of life in the community. Among the participants at the banquet were honorees of previous years, members of Dr. Citron's family, friends and active members and supporters of NCCJ.

Franklin McCain, chair of NCCJ board of directors, announced the proclamation of April 1, 1992 as David Citron Recognition Day, and complimented the selection committee on its wisdom in choosing Dr. Citron. Mr. McCain reflected that every animal on earth leaves traces of having been here, but man and woman alone leave traces of what they create.

Creations of NCCJ in the Charlotte area serve to enhance the quality of life in the community, through efforts of people of good will and good faith who truly make a difference.

Dr. Jonnie McLeod, MD, of UNCC, who received the Silver Medallion in 1990, made the presentation to Dr. Citron, noting the importance of his force in the community. Many of those present were able to attest to that tribute, through personal experience and awareness of his influence in the health care sector.

In his acceptance, Dr. Citron affirmed his belief in the NCCJ mission to reassert the appreciation of our diversity. When his parents immigrated to this country at the beginning of the 20th century, though circumstances were difficult, they were sustained by observance of their tradition and adherence to family and community. David Citron looks forward not only to toleration, but to rejoicing in our differences. This award, he judged, was not for his excellence, but for "good behavior," and he accepted it in tribute to his family, who imparted to him their values and "just a smidgeon of their courage."

In viewing the assemblage, one could not fail to feel inspired by numerous truly great persons, who contribute to Charlotte's excellence. In closing, Dr. Albright voiced his appraisal of Charlotte as a wonderful community, and quoted President John F. Kennedy, who said, "The cause endures; the struggle con-

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tinues, and the dream shall never die."

That speaks for the dedication of NCCJ. Among its projects are *Green Circle,* sponsored by corporations, helping 3500 students in schools; *New Horizon,* a program in middle and junior high schools, involving 500 diverse students this year; *Youth Involvement Council* which serves young people in grades 9 to 12 in developing responsibilty and working within the community; and *Anytime* for seniors in high school, providing a summer experience in learning to understand diversity in race, religion and economic strata.

A spokesman for *Anytown* declared that youth can make a difference. "The world would be made better, if every town could be like *Anytown.*" "An age is called dark, not because there is no light, but because people refuse to see the light." (Dr. Jonnie McLeod)

Estelle Gottman-Mills To Be Ordained

On May 30 of this year, a product of Temple Emanuel's Greensboro, N.C., religious school and youth group will be ordained as a rabbi in Cincinnati's historic Plum Street Temple. Estelle Gottman-Mills will be one of sixteen men and women who will be ordained as rabbis by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

During her high school years, Estelle Gottman served as Temple Emanuel's Youth Group president and then later served as social action vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth (MAFTY). Rabbi Mills graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in 1987, and she will receive a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from the College-Institute in May. Currently, she is working in the Cincinnati area as a rabbi-educator; she is also pursuing a master's degree in education from the University of Cincinnati.

Rabbi Mills has continued to have a close association with the North Carolina Jewish community by serving as the student rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation in Cary, N.C. for the past four years. In November 1990, she married Steven L. Mills at a ceremony in Temple Emanuel, Greensboro. Mr. Mills is an attorney and a fourth year rabbinical student, and the two plan to live in Cincinnati while Mr. Mills completes his requirements for ordination in June 1993.

Estelle is the daughter of Ann and Jerry Gottman of Greensboro.



Rabbi Estelle Gottman-Mills

Jewish Youth Participate in March of the Living

Melissa Monosoff of Charlotte, N.C., is among the more than 5,000 Jewish youth from 42 countries who are participating in the March of the Living from April 26 to May 10, marking significant dates: Holocaust Memorial Day, Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers and Israel's Independence Day.

The program began in Poland, where they visited Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka and Majdanek, where hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced to march to their annihilation. A service was held commemorating the victims of the Holocaust.

Several Polish cities which were once centers of vibrant Jewish life were visited, after which the group flies to Israel on May 3.

In Israel there will be a tour of the Galilee and Golan Heights, a meeting with a member of the Knesset, a climb of Masada and educational evening programs. They will attend a memorial ceremony to Israel's fallen soldiers on Yom HaZikaron, Day of Remembrance, and trees will be planted in the March of the Living forest.

On May 7 they will join Israelis in the celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut, Independence Day, on an Israeli Air Force base.

The schedule will end in Ashdod with Sephardim, and Shabbat in Jerusalem. This international program is dedicated to remembrance of the Holocaust and celebration of the rebirth of the State of Israel. Offices of March of the Living are located in New York and Tel Aviv.

Organizations

Wake County Jewish Federation Raleigh, N.C.

by Susan Karesh

On Sunday, May 31, Wake County Jewish Federation will sponsor its 1st annual "Celebration of Volunteerism." It will be an ice cream social to be held at the Capital City Club from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Federation is inviting each Jewish institution in Wake County, including the four congregations; community service groups: Hadassah, ORT, B'nai B'rith, Chai Society, Raleigh Jewish Singles; youth groups: RALFTY and Young Judea; schools: Jewish Community School, Hillel, Temple Beth Or; and Jewish Community Services.

The organizations will be asked to select one volunteer to be honored by the Federation for his or her volunteer efforts. A special award will be presented to these honorees.

For more information, please contact Ilene Cagan at (919) 846-1463. There will be a charge of $5 per person.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Lubavitch of North Carolina hosted the first Russian Community Passover Seder in Charlotte. Close to 100 newly arrived Russian Jews crowded into the Heritage Woods Club House dining hall where they enjoyed a delicious full-course holiday meal. It was the first night of Passover and for many, their first Passover in freedom.

Gil Portnoy from Charlotte initiated the project with the thought of educating the new Charlotte residents to the traditions of Judaism. What made it more meaningful is the fact that the Russians experienced their own Exodus from bondage, and what better time to reflect on their passage to freedom.

Rabbi Avrohom Bennenson, a native of Russia, conducted the Seder in his native language. Russian Haggadahs were available for all the participants. Many of the children asked the four questions in Hebrew and Russian to the delight of parents and grandparents.

The event was coordinated by Gil Portnoy who was appreciative of the volunteer help he received from within the Russian community. Rabbi Bennenson is currently studying at the Lubavitch Yeshivah in New York and has had extensive experience in communal and educational work in the Northeast.

Jewish Family Services of Charlotte assisted with financial aid. A special thank you to Adrienne Rosenberg, director, and her board for their enthusiastic support of the Russian Seder.

Much effort went into the preparations of the Seder. *Shmurah Matzah* from Israel graced the table. Each table had its own Seder Plate. Kosher wine and grape juice were in abundance as each participant drank the 4 cups of wine.

The atmosphere was excellent as the Russians broke into their holiday songs. Grandparents watched in amazement at how their grandchildren are living and learning Judaism and how their heritage is being reintroduced to their family after a long break of seventy years.

Celebration 90

A delegation from North Carolina traveled to Washington, D.C., on April 7 to participate in a National Celebration and special tribute to the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

A congressional resolution was issued in recognition of the many accomplishments of the Rebbe and declared April 14, 1992, which corresponds with 11 Nisan, his actual birthday, as day of "Education and Sharing."

The event was co-chaired by Ronald O. Perleman, chairman of Revlon, and Eli Weisel, world famous author and orator.

The North Carolina delegation included members from Charlotte, High Point and Raleigh. Herman Blumenthal was honored as head of the North Carolina delegation. Mr. Blumenthal received an exclusive lithograph, personally autographed by the famous Israeli artist Yaakov Agam. The work of art was presented to Herman and Anita Blumenthal at the dinner.

Leading the delegation from Raleigh were Ralph and Mary Gut, along with Jamie Kupferman.

The South Carolina delegation was quite visible with members of the Jewish community in Columbia and Myrtle Beach participating in this extraordinary event.



Attending the Lubavitch Dinner in Washington, D.C. were (L. to R.): (standing) Manuella Price, Mariashi Groner, Rabbi Yossi Groner, Gil Portnoy, David Portnoy; (seated) Anita Blumenthal, Herman Blumenthal, Dr. Harvey Tilles, Marvin Baron.

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Charlotte Women Elected to National B'nai B'rith Women

At the B'nai B'rith Women's (BBW) biennial convention held in Chicago, March 26-29, three Charlotte women were elected for 1992-1994.

Susan Bruck was named president-elect for the current term. She will then succeed President Joan Kort of Overland Park, Kansas, in 1994. Mrs. Bruck recently completed a two-year term as vice president of BBW and chair of the national leadership committee.

Peggy Gartner was re-elected to the National Executive Board of BBW. She most recently completed a two-year term as chair of the national fund-raising committee.

Vicki Hopkins was elected to the National Executive Board of BBW. She most recently completed a two-year term as chair of BBW's South Atlantic region, which covers 10 states.

Susan Bruck, a nurse at Presbyterian Hospital, has served on various committees for Temple Israel and was chair of women's health issues of CHARLOTTE BLUEPRINT: "Women of the 80s," a local commission that reviewed women's issues. A graduate of Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Mrs. Bruck is a recipient of the Max Hochschield Prize for Meritorious Nursing and the Frieda Schindler Kobre Memorial Prize for demonstrating excellence in the care of children.

During her 23 years as a BBW member, Bruck has served the organization as chair of the national membership committee, and has sat on the national development and fiscal committees. In addition, she was chair of BBW's Mid Atlantic region, which encompassed five states, and has chaired a number of programs in the local community, including the settlement of Soviet Jews. She also leads volunteer training sessions for the organization across the country.

Locally, Peggy Gartner helped organize ParentLink, a substance abuse prevention program developed for parents of elementary-school children. She also serves on the board of the Charlotte Jewish Federation and the Coalition for Soviet Jewry.

In her 17 years as a BBW member, Gartner has served as chair of BBW's South Atlantic region, which covers 10 states, and has helped conduct leadership training sessions for local volunteers.

Locally, Vicki Hopkins helped organize ParentLink. She also developed a local program to increase the community's awareness of family violence. In addition, she has served on the boards of the Mental Health Association, Mecklenburg County Human Services, and the Charlotte Jewish Federation. She is also listed in Outstanding Young Women of America.

In her 16 years as a BBW member, Hopkins has facilitated numerous volunteer training sessions for the organization and helped develop a network of volunteers that provide outreach to the Jewish and general communities.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

Spring has definitely sprung and April was a wonderful month at the preschool. The children have enjoyed the warm weather and the outdoor activities that accompany it, including one very special event. On April 3, the fours and pre-K children had the opportunity to help other children by participating in the "Bring-a-Bike Day" trike-a-thon, to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital to fight childhood cancer. The children rode laps on their bikes in the lower parking lot at Shalom Park and parents were asked to pledge a contribution or find sponsors for laps made by their child. The response was terrific. Some children rode as many as thirty-two laps and parents gave generously. Preschool director Carol Klein expected well over six hundred dollars to be raised for the charity. The children were thrilled that they, in their own way, could contribute to such an important cause.

As always, this year's Model Seder was tremendous fun. The J.C.C.'s Chai group and the Rabbis from both Temples joined the preschool in this celebration of Passover. Everyone enjoyed the children's performance of Passover songs and "Ma Nishtanah" (The Four Questions). Refreshments were provided by Temple Israel Sisterhood. A special thank you goes to the Sisterhood not only for sponsoring the Model Seder, but for the generous support it has given the preschool program throughout the year.

In the month of May the preschool has many exciting activities planned starting with Staff Appreciation Day. On May 13, parents and students will express their gratitude to the teachers and teachers' aides by giving them a morning break with refreshments, while parents work in the classroom with the children preparing surprises for the preschool staff.

The annual "Preschool Picnic" will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, May 18, at Idlewild Park. Staff, preschoolers and their families always enjoy this opportunity to share a meal, have fun and socialize.

As the school year winds down we look toward the Preschool Graduation. It will take place in Gorelick Hall on May 26 at 7 p.m. We will say goodbye to the pre-K students and four year olds who will go to kindergarten in the fall by reminiscing with a slide show and listening to a musical performance by the children.

On the last two days of school, May 28-29, the preschoolers will get decked out in their beach wear and bathing suits for a "Beach Party." All sorts of fun games and water play are in store for the kids. What a way to end a great school year!

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Defenders of God: The Fundamentalist Revolt Against the Modern Age
by Bruce B. Lawrence
Harper Collins 320 pp.
$15.00 paperback

Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism
by John Shelby Spong
Harper San Francisco 267 pp.
$10.00 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The wave of fundamentalism that is sweeping the Middle East and the Western world sometimes appears to be an angry storm, as in the Islamic world. In western Europe and the United States, it feels less threatening, but more than a feeble resistance to change. We are warned that we ignore it at our peril.

Bruce Lawrence, professor of the history of religion at Duke University and an authority on Islam, calls fundamentalism a reaction to the Great Western Transmutation, or GWT, the result of industrialism and technicalization which occurred in the West. After the French Revolution, the great power struggle began, resulting in the ability of some nations to rise, while others would become known as The Third World.

In extremely scholarly method and style, *Defenders of God* explores in detail the philosophic, economic and political rise of the West and the resulting struggle between religion and science. Fundamentalism is analyzed in Judaism, Islam and Christianity separately by Lawrence.

The fundamentalists in all three religions are reacting to the heresies they condemn in modern society, while accepting the benefits therefrom. Common to the three is the fact that "every expression of fundamentalism has a double emphasis; the collective good above individual choice and advocacy," the author tells us. He perceives these differences: Judaism stresses correct practice. Christianity stresses correct belief. Islam straddles both.

We may view fundamentalists simply as groups of fanatics, extremists, resisters to progress, or perhaps, virtuous defenders of their faith who fight a sinful, secular society. Bruce Lawrence has written, in *The Defenders of God,* an explanation of the complex background in the religions and cultures which has resulted in pitting believers against unbelievers.

In addition to religious questions are profound political results from the influence of fundamentalists. In Islam, the tide is strong, led often by members educated in modern universities, frustrated and angered by the inability of their nations to compete in the modern world.

In Judaism, fundamentalism is most recognizable in the Israeli parties of Gush Emunim and Neturei Karta, whose protest against Zionism and the State of Israel's existence (though they live there and benefit from its nationhood) stems from messianic prophecy and literal adherence to the Bible.

Christianity's fundamentalists arose in Europe, but are most evident amongst Protestants in America, whose chances of success the author views as slight.

Careful reading of *Defenders of God* will be enlightening and will recall a great deal of history. Common ground of the three religions is illuminated, and a measure of understanding is achieved. To his credit, Bruce Lawrence refrains from condemnation; he strives to explain causes. In his neutrality, he admits that although science and technology may answer the question, *how,* they never attempt to answer the question, *why?*

Prepare to spend time and patience, if you decide to read this worthwhile work, and have your dictionary handy.

An entirely different kind of book on fundamentalism and in contrast, one that is easy to read, though no less serious in purpose, is *Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism,* by John Shelby Spong, Episcopal Bishop. It has become a best seller and is selling worldwide.

Bishop Spong of Newark, N.J., is judged to be provocative and outspoken, and the Episcopal Church is enriched by his powerful call for social justice. His is not a lonely voice in that denomination, I hasten to add, with the Rev. George Cave coming at once to mind.

Strongly opposed to the insistence of the Christian fundamentalists on the inerrancy of the Bible and the New Testament, he does firmly believe that Judaism and Christianity have deep relevance in the modern age.

Cognizant of the difficulties and discrepancies which have resulted in translations from the original Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek texts and of the long periods of time during which the material was passed orally from one generation to another, he exercises reason and logic in studying the Scriptures.

He knows that ancient thinkers and writers could not have been other than members of their societies in their time and place and that their limitations were imposed by the stage of discovery and science in their world. Morals, ethics and eternal truths are another realm, and Bishop Spong realistically points out the differences.

Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism is his attempt to cause people to think. He shows how literal interpretation of Scripture has been used to justify slavery, ban textbooks, deny the rights of gays and lesbians, subordinate women and justify war and revenge.

This Episcopal Priest and one devoted to Scripture believes with all of his intense concern that if the meaning of Scripture is not *now* rethought,

the religions of Christianity and Judaism will go the way of the Olympian gods. This spiritual leader rejects blind acceptance of tradition for its own sake, when it is contrary to modern logic and scientific knowledge.

Jewish readers will be interested to read his stance on anti-Semitism, which he declares is based on Christianity, and on his view of the Holocaust, inflicted by Christians and unopposed by most of them in Europe. Anti-Semitism, he says, is "the dark underside of Christianity." How does he countenance the anti-Semitism in the New Testament? He charges the writers of the Gospel as serving their own purposes as they felt would convince their audiences, and he reminds us of the contradictions in the various Books of the New Testament, proving that some of them were obviously incorrect. He also states that no real words of Jesus were ever recorded. His explanations of the Disciples are fascinating, especially that of Paul.

Facts and history are not important; most of the records were not intended to be understood literally, and in ordinary language, what the good Bishop is doing is "debunking," in ordinary slang.

Still, he is never irreverent, and remains a believing Christian, able to discern the true meaning in the stories and parables, and he has true appreciation for the poetry, the teachings and the values in our religions. The words of the Bible are not for him the word of God, but those words lead him to their relevance in our day. He laments the loss of meaning through what he deems ignorance.

The Bible is the means through which to interact with God. This book is written to give hope and to teach us what divinity means.

Divided We Fall: A History of Ethnic, Religious, and Racial Prejudice in America

by Philip Perlmutter
Iowa State University Press 414 pp. $44.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Because I feel that the cause for "E Pluribus Unum" is vitally important, the title, *Divided We Fall* held strong attraction for me. The theme of unity in the United States was given great emphasis in my early years, and the quotation from Abraham Lincoln to the effect that if we do not hang together, we will be hanged separately was a frequent reminder.

The current stress on group rights and identity troubles me, and I wanted to hear what Philip Perlmutter, former executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston and former chairman of the Mass. State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, had to say about the subject.

It would seem that he agrees with me, without the benefit to him of knowing that. He concludes with his conviction that there is a threat to our democracy in the demands of various minority groups that they be given special rights, without regard for the rights of everyone.

Equal rights for all is the promise made by our founders, and I remember being taught that when circumstances made it impossible to deal an equal hand to everyone, then the governing rule was the greatest good to the greatest number. Somewhere during our era, this has fallen by the wayside, and many argue against that idea.

This is a substantial book, the result of much research. It is filled with statistics of conflicts and prejudices that began before white people first arrived, and which continued between as many different kinds of immigrants as have immigrated to this last, best hope on earth.

At widely spaced intervals, the author points out that nobody ever dies to leave this country, although many died to come; that even if newcomers had to live in squalor, very few chose to return to the lands they had left; that with the passing of time, each group overcame the bigotry exercised against it; that many did, in fact, realize the American dream.

To arrive at the essentials of his theme, the reader wearies of an extraordinary compilation of historic details which finally exhaust one's patience. The author, editor and proofreader must have tired, too, for the number of misprints is excessive, even if just a few would be acceptable.

Inside the jacket-cover, in a quotation from the book's preface, the nonword, *plentitude*, shocked me when I first open the book. In reading the preface, I found the same word, and a few pages further, there it was again. This seems to be more than a "typo," but a misspelling which someone should have recognized. Then there are repeated instances of the confusion of the words *then* and *than*.

It is sad to acknowledge that most books printed nowadays have errors in printing. I think there should be none in a book printed by a university press which sells for $44.95. Books weren't that way when they cost $4.00. If I sound severe, it's because I am.

I still feel strongly that we must hang together, and hope that the pendulum may swing, so that while we all benefit from the vast diversity in America, we do not become divided by our origins and ancestries. Our safety lies in our diversity, if we keep sight of the base which unites us.

Toward a Theological Encounter: Jewish Understandings of Christianity

Edited by Rabbi Leon Klenicki
Paulist Press 168 pp. $8.95 paperback
From a review in *Catholic International*, January 1992

Editor and author of the first of eight essays in *Toward a Theological Encounter*, Leon Klenicki sets the tone of the entire book when he explains that an encounter between Christians and Jews "can become an act of affirmation that allows two different groups to regard one another as equal partners in a process that involves learning and understanding, as well as time and space." For this to happen, from the Jewish perspective the Christian must be considered as a "person of God," and a "partner in the search for the kingdom" and its establishment in the world.

Almost all the essays point out how the spatial and temporal implications of this process of affirmation weigh heavily on the Jewish-Christian encounter. Whoever speaks of time and space speaks of history; a history which will always be marked by the suffering of the Jewish people at the hands of Christians—and which culminated in the Holocaust. Rabbi Norman Solomon, in 'Themes in Christian-Jewish relations,' goes so far as to say that "the voice that called for the 'final solution' was the voice of the pagan, Hitler. But the hands that implemented it were the hands of ordinary Christians." For him, traditional Christianity, and its churches, lost moral credibility at Auschwitz; those Christians who did resist, he points out, did so as individuals. He concludes that the burden of showing that 'true' Christianity is something else falls upon contemporary Christians.

In the same vein Solomon explains why the Jewish people react so strongly to what seems to be the Roman Church's effort to create "an image of itself as victim of the Holocaust, if not to the same extent as the Jews." In the face of such strongly expressed feelings there is a temptation to accept that any real encounter is impossible. And yet Solomon believes that individual Christians, to whom no moral credibility is granted simply because they are Christians, "may earn such credibility through the conduct of their own lives."

What Solomon and the other authors of these essays (Daniel Breslauer, David Dalin, Elliot N. Dorff, Walter Jacob, David Novak and Michael Wyschogrod) say about the importance of looking squarely at history ought to be studied by all Christians. Indeed, it is in confronting this history that they can better understand the present resentment which a large part of the Jewish community feels because of Christians' lack of support for the State of Israel—another theme taken up by several of the essays.

As for the future of Christian-Jewish encounters, everything depends on whether or not Jews and Christians can genuinely take part in the "act of affirmation" mentioned by Klenicki. Reading the ideas of the recognized Jewish scholars who have contributed to this book will already be a step in the right direction.

Leon Klenicki is director of the Department of Interfaith Affairs of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Days of Honey, Days of Onion: The Story of a Palestinian Family in Israel

by Michael Gorkin
Beacon Press 286 pp. $24.95

Michael Gorkin, an American Jew who emigrated to Israel in 1982, spent nearly two years with Abu Ahmad's family, observing and participating in their lives. Through vignettes of a son's wedding, an encounter with a brother-in-law who turns out to be a fighter for the PLO, a visit with a mixed-marriage (Muslim and Jewish) couple living in the village, a rare conversation with a female family member unaccompanied by husband or father, the celebration of the holy days of Ramadan, and more, *Days of Honey, Days of Onions* offers a riveting portrait of Palestinians living in Israel today.

Originally a committed Zionist, Gorkin came to believe during his months with the Abu Ahmad family "that ignorance and ignoring of the Palestinian people. . .is both morally and politically untenable: if there is to be a chance for peace, it can only come through seeing and knowing Palestinians as they truly are."

As citizens of Israel, Palestinian Arabs within the country find themselves in the sad and painful position of, as some of them put it, "having my country at war with my people."

Michael Gorkin is a clinical psychologist and a former journalist. He is author of *Border Kibbutz* and former coordinator of the Arab Psychotherapy Project at Hebrew University. He currently practices in Jerusalem, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

David and Jonathan

by Cynthia Voigt
Scholastic Books 208 pp. $14.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Although I rarely read current fiction, *David and Jonathan* drew my attention, and I did read this story of "the irrevocable damage of war and the enduring power of friendship," as the press release describes this book.

It is recommended for ages 12 and up. It would be a mature 12-year-old who would be ready for *David and Jonathan,* in my opinion, but Cynthia Voigt is a popular writer for young adults, and I may just not be acquainted with today's youth.

My problem in reading the book was the seemingly unnecessary sexy bits, but maybe publishers require that as realism.

The ripples of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust are still evident, and will extend into the unforseeable future, affecting all of us, even those of us who were not directly afflicted.

Henry and Jonathan are friends living on the Cape Cod coast, one Jewish, the other Christian. Despite their differences, they are devoted to each other, and the friendship survives intense strains of family attitudes and David. David is a presumed cousin of Jonathan who survived the Holocaust as a child, and is finally taken into Jonathan's family in the hope of helping him.

The influence of the rabbi who is Jonathan's uncle in the home lends an insight into Jewish life and ethics. The effect is a good portrayal of positive aspects of American Jews, and their association with American Christians who are New Englanders "from 'way back" is interesting, not disturbing.

Do not be misled by the title. The friends are Henry and Jonathan. It is David who threatens the friendship, so that the title does not refer to the biblical friends, as the reader might expect.

David and Jonathan begins and ends during the American experience in Viet Nam in 1967, and the main story lies between, in the earlier years of the Korean war, when the young

friends are 15 and 16 years old.

There is much thought in the book, ranging through religion, prejudice, friendship, jealousy, social status, human cruelty and teenage sexuality. The book may be quickly read, but will be long remembered.

The author, Cynthia Voigt, has written eighteen novels and has won the Newbery Medal for *Dicey's Song;* the Edgar Allan Poe Award, and *A Solitary Blue* was named Newbery Honor Book.

Fun with Jewish Holiday Rhymes

by Sylvia Rouss
UAHC Press 26 pp. $10.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Reading to children is one of the great joys of being a parent. *Fun with Jewish Holiday Rhymes* will be more than the pleasure of reading, because these rhymes will also teach children to count, to add and subtract.

The rhymes are about the Jewish holidays, more than one for each, and they have such a good rhythm that children will love them and memorize them.

Besides teaching about the holidays and their symbols, there are motions indicated, to enact with the very young child, and names to be included. The child will be more than a passive listener; he or she will be thinking and looking at the bright illustrations, and may even learn to read the verses.

Here is a sample, the book's final verse:

Shabbat Night

On this lovely Shabbat night,
The candles are a pretty sight.
(Hold up two fingers)
The Kiddush cup I hold is mine.
(Cup hand)
I take a little sip of wine.
(Pretend to sip)
I smell the challah with delight.
(Pretend to smell challah)
I break a piece and take a bite.
(Pretend to eat)

UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations) Press is located at 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

Views and Reviews

by Joseph Cohen

Nadine Gordimer's Jewish Origins

Isaac Bashevis Singer, one of the two contemporary Jewish literary Nobel laureates (Saul Bellow is the other one) last summer passed to his reward, and Nadine Gordimer last autumn came into her reward as the 1991 Nobel laureate. The Swedish Academy, I suspect, doesn't play the numbers game, but when it comes to Jewish literary laureates I do. Singer's death and Gordimer's prize, of course, were merely coincidental, but lose one, win one, I say. If the King is dead, then long live the Queen.

It came as no surprise that Gordimer garnered the prestigious award. She has long been under consideration for the Nobel Prize not only for the remarkably sustained literary quality of her many novels (particularly *July's People, Burger's Daughter* and *A Sport of Nature*), and her short stories, but for her courageous stand in all her works against *apartheid* in her native South Africa. For years, she encountered political repression and risked imprisonment by staying in Johannesburg and continuing to speak out in behalf of racial equality.

While it is no surprise that her Nobel award is richly deserved, it probably is a surprise to many people, even well-read ones, in the world Jewish community, that the new Nobel laureate is Jewish. The JTA dispatch published in the Jewish Press reporting her award mentioned it in passing but provided no details. As it turns out, I've got a few facts stashed away in my old lit bag, and it's a pleasure to trot them out, especially since they came from Gordimer herself. What better source?

For three weeks in April 1987, Gordimer was the guest writer-in-residence at Newcomb College on the Tulane University campus in New Orleans. I had a chance to visit with her several times and she consented to be interviewed on a subject she avowed hardly anyone ever asked her about, her Jewish origins. Political matters she was interviewed about incessantly, but about her Jewish background no one had previously shown any curiosity. She was delighted. "Bless you for asking," she said. I had the sense, though it may simply have been my own elation over being in her presence, that I was going to get to mine a rich biographical vein that few people even knew was there. Unfortunately, only a portion of the interview can be covered here.

The mining metaphor is an appropriate one: Mining was what brought her father Isidore Gordimer to South Africa. He came as a lad of thirteen joining his older brother Marcus who was already there. They were Lithuanian Jews, escaping the East European oppression of the 1880s. Their hope was to make their fortune in the gold mines. Both had been trained in Lithuania as watchmakers. South Africa rather than America would be their Golden Medina. But the same story that was so often true in the teeming immigrant ghettos in the United States was also true in South Africa: Isidore arrived to find Marcus living in extreme poverty, married to a woman who resented having another mouth to feed. Isidore soon struck out on his own, making his living by traveling to the mines to mend the watches of the miners on the spot.

He made enough money to open a small jewelry shop with living quarters in the rear, in Springs, a mining community thirty miles from Johannesburg. He prospered and, growing into manhood, took singing lessons to compensate for his lack of formal education. "He had three or four years of schooling, at the most," Gordimer told me.

Gordimer's mother's family had come to South Africa to seek their fortune in the diamond mines in Kimberley. Though her grandfather was something of a gemologist, his luck didn't pan out and he settled in Johannesburg. A cockney Jew, a "true wild-west frontiersman who played poker all night," Gordimer said, he made his living buying and selling stoves. Her grandmother found life in Johannesburg uncivilized, and she returned to London

where Gordimer's mother Nan was born shortly thereafter. Six years elapsed before the family was reunited in South Africa.

Following their courtship, Gordimer's parents were married in the Great Synagogue of Johannesburg. It would be the last time her mother would enter that edifice, for her immediate forebears had never been religious and Nan Gordimer was, according to her daughter, "if not really an atheist, she certainly was an agnostic, scornful about all organized religions." On the other hand, Isidore Gordimer went to *schul* on the anniversaries of his parents' death and fasted on Yom Kippur. Nadine and her older sister, the two children born of the union, never received any Jewish instruction inside their home because of their mother's opposition to religion; and as she was the dominant partner in the marriage, having been better educated, she called the shots. Isidore didn't challenge her. The marriage persisted, but it was, as Gordimer described it, "a difficult one."

The two daughters were educated in a Catholic school, the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy. No attempt was made by the nuns to convert them and when the Catholic pupils went for religious instruction, Nadine and her sister were left to their own pursuits. Because she was curious about Jews and Judaism, Gordimer during her adolescence read a good deal about the subject. "It was only then," she told me, "that I understood what it was to be Jewish."

But it was not, she said, until she was in her thirties that this understanding of Jewishness was enhanced for her. That enhancement came through her reading the novels and stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer. It opened up a new world for her, and with it came the realization that outside of her experience in South Africa there were Jewish intellectuals and Jewish scholars and writers creating art out of the Jewish experience. From reading Singer, Gordimer said, "I realized something strange that I've never understood. There was nobody in the Jewish community in the town of Springs who was scholarly. They were all totally caught up in the commercial life of the town and in social life. Those other aspects of Jewish life were missing from my life, and so, of course, they're missing from my work as well."

Just prior to Gordimer's stay in New Orleans, her novel *A Sport of Nature* appeared in the United States. I pointed out to her that Jewish life wasn't missing entirely from her work because the protagonist of *A Sport of Nature* is a Jewish woman caught up in the turmoil that has tragically marked the history of South Africa in our time. The protagonist, I suspect, is modeled substantially on Gordimer's own life. Gordimer added that her first novel *The Lying Days* was actually her most autobiographical work and that it, too, included Jews.

Maybe it's not an accident that Singer's death and Gordimer's Nobel award coincided, after all. Of course, no one expects the new laureate to assume Singer's mantle. But arguably she may be the equal of the master who influenced her so greatly, not in writing about Jews but in her devotion to her craft, her imagination, insight and sensitivity, in her honesty and in her creative recording of her own South African society which has suffered in ways not unlike the tragedies in Poland which were the grist for Singer's mill.

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National & World News Briefs

Religious Coalition Against Sale of F-15 Fighters to Saudi Arabia

A coalition of 24 major religious, public interest and peace organizations joined in an attempt to block the plan of the Bush administration to sell F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia and to stop fostering "further arms races in precarious regions."

The appeal sent to both Senate and House was urged by groups including the National Council of Churches, Episcopal Church, American Baptist Churches USA, United Church of Christ and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Other groups outside the religious community were the Federation of American Scientists, National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament and the Women's League for Peace and Freedom.

Rabbi David Saperstein, of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, commented that developing and satisfying markets for weapons cannot solve America's economic problems.

Increasing weapons exports is contrary to the policy of the administration announced last February that the U.S. would lead in a changing pattern of military competition in the Middle East. Secretary of State James Baker stated the intention to "reduce the arms flow into an area that is already very over-militarized."

Archbishop of Church of England Objects to Converting Jews

Unknown to us has been the existence of the Anglican Church's Ministry Among Jews. Obviously, its purpose is conversion of Jews to the Anglican Church in Britain.

In a courageous statement, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Carey, refused to serve as patron of CMJ, declaring: "Alongside my commitment to mission stands another commitment. It is to do all in my power to encourage trust and friendship between the different faith communities in our land. The Archbishop of Canterbury is looked to as the protector of the religious freedom of people of other faiths and as a genuine friend. . .I have to say that because the focus of your work is entirely directed towards another faith community, a formal association with you is unlikely to help me in my efforts to build up trust, for rightly or

wrongly, many Jewish people do not believe that CMJ respects their integrity. . ."

This comes as a step in the slow progress begun by Vatican II in desisting from attempts by Christian churches to convert Jews. The announcement by the Archbishop of the Church of England is welcome, albeit tardy.

U.S. Accord with Czech-Slovak to Protect Jewish Cemeteries

Few Jews remain in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, so that remaining synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, damaged and neglected, might be totally lost.

In March, an agreement was reached in the U.S. State Department with that Eastern European country to protect and preserve monuments, historic buildings and other sites representing the cultural heritage of those institutions.

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, chairman of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, praised the agreement, which he worked on with Czech officials.



Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger (R.) shakes hands with Rita Klimova (L.), Ambassador of the Czech and Slovak Republic to U.S. after signing of agreement to preserve Jewish monuments. Rabbi Arthur Schneier looks on.

Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem

Nestled amidst the golden hills of Jerusalem, enjoying the most prestigious proximity to some of the country's well known landmarks as the Knesset (the Israeli Parliament), the Hebrew University and its most immediate neighbor, the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, a modern yet outwardly unassuming building has just been completed.

This newest addition to the cultural institutions which have served to enrich the city of Jerusalem is the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem. It is a unique museum, born of the dream and persistence of one man, Dr. Elie Borowski and his wife Batya.

Multi-Culturalism, Separatism and American Jewry

by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

There is a striking parallel between the centrifugal forces of ethnic nationalism that speeded the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the current climate of racial and ethnic assertiveness disuniting our own society. Moscow and Crown Heights may be oceans apart, but the same ill vapors pollute the atmosphere.

To be sure, none of the American states is likely to secede from the Union, but we do face the threat of a multi-culturalism run amok, of the understandable quest for recognition perverted by the less admirable quest for power. A nation is enriched when groupings of divergent background seek to preserve their distinctive heritage, when numerous threads of languages and cultures are interwoven to form one tapestry. But when these groupings confound culture with politics and identity with power, the fabric of society begins to unravel.

In his new book, *The Disuniting of America,* historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. warns of the splintering of a once homogeneous America into a host of heterogeneous enclaves competing for power, each exalting its own identity while demonizing others. He asks the crucial question: "The national ideal had once been *e pluribus unum.* Are we now to belittle *unum* and glorify *pluribus?* Will the Center hold? Or will the melting pot yield to the Tower of Babel?"

This, alas, is what is happening in our land. The public classroom has become a combat zone for competing interests battling over multiculturalism. On campus, racial and ethnic isolation intensifies and is given the garb of academic respectability by the pseudo-scientific rantings of a Michael Levin and a Leonard Jeffries. In the inner city, the Martin Luther Kings and Bayard Rustins have been succeeded by the Sharptons and Maddoxes; builders of bridges are being replaced by those who construct barricades and bunkers.

Soon we will not be able to talk to each other at all. Was not this the ultimate cause of Crown Heights—disparate communities unwilling, unable to communicate with one another? And if silence continues and responsible voices are not raised, the reviling chants of Brooklyn will be heard all over this land, and more blood will be spilled.

Sadly, and in reacting to this, ever more American Jews are becoming infected by this separatist virus. They re-echo the sentiments of Israel's radical right. "We are surrounded by enemies," they say, "so let's dig in our own garden, let's go it alone. No one else will fend for us."

But this simply is not so. We did not achieve our freedoms alone. We broke out of the ghetto walls only because other enlightened forces in Europe supported our demands for equal status. We would not have achieved the high station we presently enjoy in this land were it not for the Bill of Rights, which was neither crafted nor realized by Jews. And Israel would not have been established had not a majority of the nations recognized the moral rightness of our claims.

Separatism is bad for Jews. We need allies to prevail. But we will not find and retain them if we care only for ourselves. No less important than enlightened self-interest is the awareness of our duty to care for all humankind. We Jews are not just another ethnic group or pressure bloc. Our survival is for a far higher purpose: to heal a fractured world.

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BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME IS A CLASSROOM FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Twice a week for 40 weeks, almost 25 percent of the year, Blumenthal Jewish Home is an open classroom where student nurses learn about the older adult. Anne Lohr, Instructor in Nursing at Forsyth Technical College since 1973, brings RN students who are in their second year of the Associate Science Degree Program to learn at BJH.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home became a clinical classroom for students taking the course "Care of the Older Adult," taught by Dr. Lohr. With 5-9 students visiting the Home during each clinical rotation, from 60-120 student nurses receive geriatric training at BJH each year. Although many of these students will not be specializing in geriatric nursing, they will be caring for a large number of older adults. Dr. Lohr says that aside from OB/GYN or Pediatric specialties, 75 percent of the population in hospitals is the older patient. Clinical training in the residential setting allows the student the opportunity to gain more understanding of the older adult and to transfer this knowledge to the more intensive short term hospital setting in which they may be working.



Fair Oaks resident Else Guthmann shares some thoughts with student nurse Kathy Dill.

The nursing students at BJH have the opportunity to observe normal aging changes. They interact with residents on each wing of the Home, observe therapeutic recreational activities, and participate on outings with residents. Students do physical assessments, observe the Home's team approach, and consult with nursing, social services, and activities staff. With time to talk to residents and to observe their activities and interactions, students begin to see the residents as individuals.

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Helene Baruch and student nurse Rick Flanner spend time together during painting class in the Craft Shop.



George Carp gets some assistance from Eileen Anderson, RN, while working on a craft project.

Nursing Students (continued)

The students seem to agree that in the less intensive, less stressful setting of the nursing home, they enjoy the time to develop a relationship with residents and to change their own attitudes about the elderly.

Eileen Anderson has been a student intern this semester from the UNC-G campus. Eileen is an RN in a special program for nurses completing their BSN degree. Eileen recently completed 84 hours of internship for a gerontology course at UNC-G, "Care of the Elderly." Like the Forsyth students, Eileen also praised the atmosphere of the Home as a learning situation. "In this atmosphere, you have time to look at the whole person. You need to remember to do that — to learn about their lives, to listen and to remember to enhance the quality of life — sometimes without medical intervention. BJH is their home, not a temporary situation, and residents need more privacy and freedom. Everyone is treated with a lot of respect here," observed Eileen.

BJH opens its doors to train health care personnel for today and tomorrow. Students gain first-hand knowledge of the older adult. Nurses increase their understanding, BJH staff share ideas and skills, and the residents receive the benefits. The future of health care for young and old profits from an open classroom.



Temple Israel's Synagogue Youth enjoy "Discovering Old Friends" on a visit to BJH and Fair Oaks (see Sue's News and Older Americans Month articles).

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Charles Disher
Winston-Salem, NC

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Kernersville, NC

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FAIR OAKS

A Riddle To Ride In!

What's black and white and "rode" all over. I'll give you a hint: it has 8 doors. If you guessed the Fair Oaks limousine, you have had your eyes open around this town.

When Fair Oaks residents take to the road, they often go out in style in the white stretch limo. With seating for 12 people, the limo is not only an eye catcher but a perfect vehicle for a group activity. Fair Oaks Activity Therapist Gail Ruthfield puts on her chauffeur cap at least once a day to take residents out and about. Gail says the limo has become well known and easily recognized as they drive around town. Daily trips may include lunch at Kyotos in Winston-Salem, shopping in Clemmons, going to the movies at the mall, sightseeing the area, or a Friendship Circle meeting in Greensboro. On recent occasions, the limo attracted attention in the parking lot of the South Eastern Center for Contemporary Art and the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. Residents enjoyed a luncheon and show featuring new spring fashions at SECCA and seeing the beautiful, new contemporary art gallery. At the convention center, residents joined the crowd present to hear Helen Thomas, keynote speaker at the YWCA's annual Leadership Awards Luncheon. Ms. Thomas, White House Bureau Chief of United Press International, delighted the audience with stories of her White House years.

Traveling in style is not a riddle in Fair Oaks. Just sign up for an outing and you'll be on your way.



Above: Fair Oaks residents and activity therapist Gail Ruthfield arrive at SECCA, by limousine, to enjoy a lunch, a fashion show, and the beautiful gallery.

Below: Residents prepare to go home in style; traveling is easy in this limousine with 8 doors.



SUE's NEWS

Temple Israel Brings Intergenerational Programs To Blumenthal Jewish Home



Fair Oaks resident Pearl Yachnin receives Shabbat greetings from a Temple Israel visitor.



Fair Oaks resident Irene Mendelson enjoys the kiddush with Temple Israel visitors Denise Sussman and son.

From 3 to 103, the voices blended in prayer as multi-generations of Jews sang the Shema together at Blumenthal Jewish Home. It was a beautiful Shabbat on February 22 when families from Charlotte's Temple Israel Men's Club visited the Home and participated in leading the Shabbat service in the Home's synagogue. Alan Sussman and Marc Titlebaum of the Men's Club organized this wonderful activity for the second year in which men, women, and children participated. Denise Sussman baked the delicious challah for the kiddush sponsored by the club immediately after the service. The warmth of Shabbat was felt by the residents of the Home who enjoyed this intergenerational Shabbat and by the visitors who shared their caring with this mitzvot.

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Bob Brodsky of Temple Israel Men's Club slices the challah, baked by Denise Sussman, to serve for the kiddush.



Alan Sussman, President of the Men's Club, led the kiddush and the motzi following services.



CHAI BINGO BRINGS YOUNG "LIFE" TO BJH

Sue's News (continued)

On Sunday, March 1, BJH and Fair Oaks residents found themselves on the other side of their favorite activity — the bingo game. The residents were the winning answers rather than the players in a human bingo game being played by members of the youth group from Temple Israel. The students in grades 4-12 mingled with the residents and engaged them in enthusiastic conversation as the students searched for answers to questions on their "Chai Bingo Card." Everyone was a winner on this day. Both young and old enjoyed the visit led by Robert Gleiberman, Youth Director of Temple Israel.



Residents pictured below are seen enjoying the youth from Temple Israel.



Herman Nove.



Ella Gunzberger.



Maurice Rogovin.



Sarah Sherry.

BJH NEWS BRIEFS — THE WHOLE MEGILLAH AT BJH





Above: Kings, queens, butterflies, and assorted creatures from Temple Emanuel Pre-School in Winston-Salem arrived to celebrate a Purim Shabbat.

Below: Gabrielle Jocknowitz entertained residents at the February birthday party with a beautiful performance of familiar melodies.

- **PURIM SERVICES ARE ENJOYED BY BJH AND FAIR OAKS RESIDENTS.** Residents attended services in the Home's synagogue, led by Religious Director Sam Jacobson, on Wednesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 19, heard the reading of the Megillah — the Book of Esther, retelling the story of Purim — and helped to stamp out the name of Haman.

- **KING AHASUERUS AND QUEEN ESTHER SHOWED UP AT BJH ON MARCH 20.** Or, rather, lots of kings and queens arrived to the warm greetings of residents when Temple Emanuel Pre-School from Winston-Salem visited for a Purim Shabbat. The pre-school chorus entertained with a medley of holiday songs following the sharing of Shabbat blessings.



- **POPULAR TUNES BY FAVORITE ENTERTAINERS WERE HEARD IN THE COMMONS AUDITORIUM IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.** The *Best of Broadway* brought a return review of musical theatre to the BJH audience on March 17, delightfully performed by Southeastern Theatrical Productions. On March 22, *Alan Kaufman,* pianist from Charlotte, performed a concert of "Popular Songs." Alan is a favorite entertainer in the Sunday concert series. *Gabrielle Jochnowitz,* cantorial singer, performed at the February birthday party. Gabrielle's beautiful voice and charming personality took residents down memory lane. *Janie Douthit,* Gift Shop volunteer, switched roles in March and played a piano medley of familiar tunes at the March party. Everyone enjoyed hearing a favorite volunteer playing a different tune.

RESIDENTS TAKE A CHANCE & WIN AT THE PURIM CARNIVAL



Volunteers Fran Thull and her sons, Danny and Jonathon, encourage their great grandmother, Claire Cass, as she plays roulette.



Volunteer Darrell Mandelstamm kept the ball rolling and the spirits high during the carnival.

- **LOTS OF PURIM GAMBLERS FOLLOWED QUEEN ESTHER'S LEAD AT THE BJH CELEBRATION ON MARCH 20.** The residents played for high stakes at the Las Vegas Purim Carnival, but everyone turned out a winner on this afternoon of revelry. The games were black jack, roulette, and bingo. The players were betting thousands of dollars and, yet, the dealers seemed to want the house to lose. Volunteer dealers kept the crowds around the tables smiling. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to volunteers Darrel Mandelstamm, Millie Slatkoff, Frances Brenner, Eleanor Leverenz, Wake Forest student Susan Harrison, Fran Thull and sons, and to the activity staff for providing this day of festivity. Refreshments, of course, were Hamantaschen plus popcorn and candy.



Fair Oaks residents Eva Kaplan, Rae Glickman, and Nelly Schwarz take their gambling seriously.



Danny Thull assists volunteer dealer Millie Slatkoff as she helps residents beat Haman at black jack.



Fair Oaks residents enjoy a luncheon at SECCA. Pictured, left to right: Eva Kaplan, Therese Schwartz, Nelly Schwarz, and Esther Pearson.



Ruth Julian, hostess for Sisterhood Sunday Sweets in March, serves a drink to Mary Cohen.

CALENDAR FOR MAY

3 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, Friendship Rm., 3 p.m.

5 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

6 Israel Remembrance Day Celebration, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

7 Leave for Spring Celebration, Winston-Salem, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

10 Parents Day Brunch, Commons Aud., 12:15 p.m.

Brenner Concert, Razz-Ma-Tazz, "Let the Good Times Roll," Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

10-16 National Nursing Home Week

12 Leave for Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.

13 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

14 Horticultural Therapy Seminar, Commons Aud., 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

15 Mayfest Celebration, Courtyard, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

17 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

18 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

20 Blumenthal Writers and Readers Series, Friendship Rm., 2 p.m.

21 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

22 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

24 Brenner Concert, Community Youth Symphony, Commons Aud., 4 p.m.

27 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi H. Scott White, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

28 Leave for Friendship Circle, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

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We mourn the loss of:

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May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



Frank Weiner visits with his mother, Florence Weiner, at the Starmount Country Club luncheon.



Rose Berzin celebrates her birthday at the March party with a visit from her daughter, Charlotte Tambor.

Parent's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10
12:15 p.m.

Entertainment by Razz Ma Tazz
3:00 p.m.

Sunday Sweets

Upper Commons
Sunday, May 17, 2:30–4:00 p.m

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood
Hostesses

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

2 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

6 Shavuot Services, Synagogue, 6:15 p.m.

7 Shavuot Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

8 Shavuot, Yiskor Services, Synagogue, 9:15 a.m.

9 Leave for Senior Citizens Luncheon, Clemmons, 10:15 a.m.

10 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Synagogue, 2 p.m.

14 Brenner Concert, Bob Doub Family Singers, "Bluegrass Music," Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

15 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi Richard Harkavy, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

18 Leave for Starmount Country Club, Greensboro, 10:30 a.m.

19 Leave for Shopping at Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, 9:30 a.m.

21 Discussion Group with Edna Blevins, Friendship Rm., 3 p.m.

24 Rabbi's Hour, Rabbi H. Scott White, Synagogue, 11 a.m.

25 Brenner Concert, Janet Rabe, Pianist, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

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Anna Passman
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Therese Schwartz
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Doris Sink
Lee Sweetbaum
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Jacob Tirkeltaub
Don Warnick

JUNE

Regina Becker
Lela Edmonds
Rose Halpern
Freda Hurwitz
Sadie (Syd) Kastel
Hazle Knouse
Lena Krieger
Helen Labell
Bertha Lippman
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BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



MITZI MALINZAK
Front Office Receptionist
February, 1992

If you have called or visited the Home since August, 1991, you've probably been greeted by the cheerful voice and bright smile of Mitzi Malinzak. When Mitzi joined the office staff as the front office receptionist, she brought with her not only years of experience in office work but especially her own genuine enthusiasm, eagerness, and dedication to the job.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mitzi and her husband, Tom, have called Winston-Salem home since 1970. They have three children, Robert, David and Anne, and are the owners of the Soccer Station. With time out for raising children, Mitzi's career has included work with the North Carolina School of the Arts Foundation Office, the North Carolina Dance Theatre, and as the former manager of the Soccer Station.

Surprised at being chosen Employee of the Month, Mitzi said, "I thought Donnelle was kidding when she told me. I am very excited and embarrassed. I have never been recognized for anything in my life. I feel it is a real honor." Mitzi says that she likes working at BJH because her position incorporates what she enjoys most in a job. The work is always stimulating, the responsibilities are varied and, most importantly, she has regular contact with people. With an outgoing personality, Mitzi enjoys her daily relationship with staff, visitors, and residents and they, in turn, enjoy her comfortable, easygoing manner.

When she finds free time, Mitzi says she enjoys cooking, baking, gardening, and sewing. BJH is happy to present this honor to Mitzi Malinzak. She is a charming addition to our staff.



SUE WELCH
RN, B-1
March, 1992

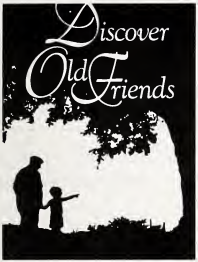
BJH has been blessed with Sue Welch as a member of the B-1 nursing staff since July, 1986. Small in stature, Sue Welch is grand in heart, long on competence, and bursting with praise for her fellow BJH workers. Sue Welch's career has spanned all facets of nursing. She has worked in the hospital setting, the physician's office, as a private duty nurse, and at Amos cottage before coming to BJH. Sue says she is glad to have had the time to work in geriatrics as it gives one the opportunity to reflect on the aging process for oneself.

Sue describes her six years at BJH as the happiest working conditions of her career. She says the staff have become her circle of friends and the residents are an extension of her family. Sue speaks with loving care of the residents whom she takes care of and the staff who, she says, "take care of each other." "We have a wonderful team, we work well together, and they are such good support," says Sue. Although nursing in long-term care is more intensive now, Sue says her favorite aspect is that there is still time to establish rapport with residents.

Pleased at being chosen Employee of the Month, Sue wished to share the honor with so many staff that she felt were more deserving. "Our support staff is so good," said Sue, "and we all work together for total care. My stay at BJH has been sweetened by working side by side with one of my best friends, Libby Carter."

Sue Welch, a native North Carolinian, lives in Old Salem with her husband of 30 years. They have two married daughters. BJH is happy to congratulate Sue Welch, a most deserving recipient of this honor.

CELEBRATE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MAY





Above: Arlene Fonorow, a Greensboro volunteer, discovers an old friend at the birthday party.

Below: Fair Oaks resident Jennie Novey discovers a young friend from the preschool. BJH resident Celia Sklut enjoys a new friend when the temple pre-school visits. Yvette Pearlman receives special 90th birthday wishes from old friends, the Greensboro volunteers, at the April party.





Blumenthal Jewish Home invites you to celebrate Older Americans Month. The month of May has been proclaimed Older Americans Month each year since President John F. Kennedy first designated May, 1963, as Senior Citizens Month. The theme for this year, adopted by the American Association of Homes for the Aging (AAHA), is "Discover Old Friends." "Discover Old Friends" can mean making new friends of any age; renewing old acquaintances; rediscovering a special interest or hobby; revisiting or recalling a favorite place; or sharing a fond memory with others. An "old friend" can be a dear person, young or older, or a precious pet, or it can be a special place, a beloved book, a treasured song, or an old, favorite movie. Imagination and creativity are the only limits to planning special ways to "Discover Old Friends" during May and at other times of the year.

We welcome young and old, residents and visitors, staff and volunteers to "Discover Old Friends" with us during this month. Help us honor our oldest citizens by visiting the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Take the time to see an old friend and make a new friend. We invite you to attend our May programming. Check our calendar for special events. Our favorite "old friends" will be the Parents' Day Brunch on May 10 followed by Razz-Ma-Tazz's performance of "Let the Good Times Roll" at 3 p.m., the Mayfest celebration on May 15 in the courtyard, and the Community Youth Symphony on May 24. Join us for May events and throughout the year.





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by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

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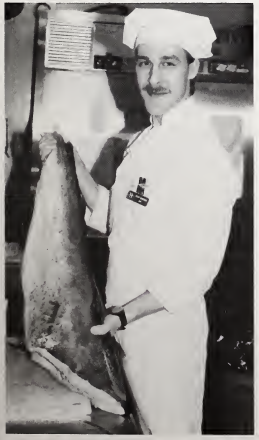
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Chef Scott Dugenske prepares to cut up fresh mahi mahi to cook for dinner at BJH.





Members of Greensboro's 60-Something Group visit at the Home for lunch and a tour.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in May and June:

MAY

17 Years
Pauline Allen, *Nsg., Asst., FO*

15 Years
Esther Peay, *Dietary*

12 Years
Vicki Brown, *LPN, FO*

9 Years
Phillip Money, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

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4 Years
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Clara Housch, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*
Barenda Mauney, *Nsg. Asst., FO*
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JUNE

6 Years
Gail Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

5 Years
Donnelle Vaughn, *Office Mgr.*
Lydia Sparrow, *Controller*

4 Years
Keith Elliott, *Maintenance*
Janice Evans, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

3 Years
Linda Smith, *LPN, FO*
Arlene van de Rijn, *Mkt./Adm.*

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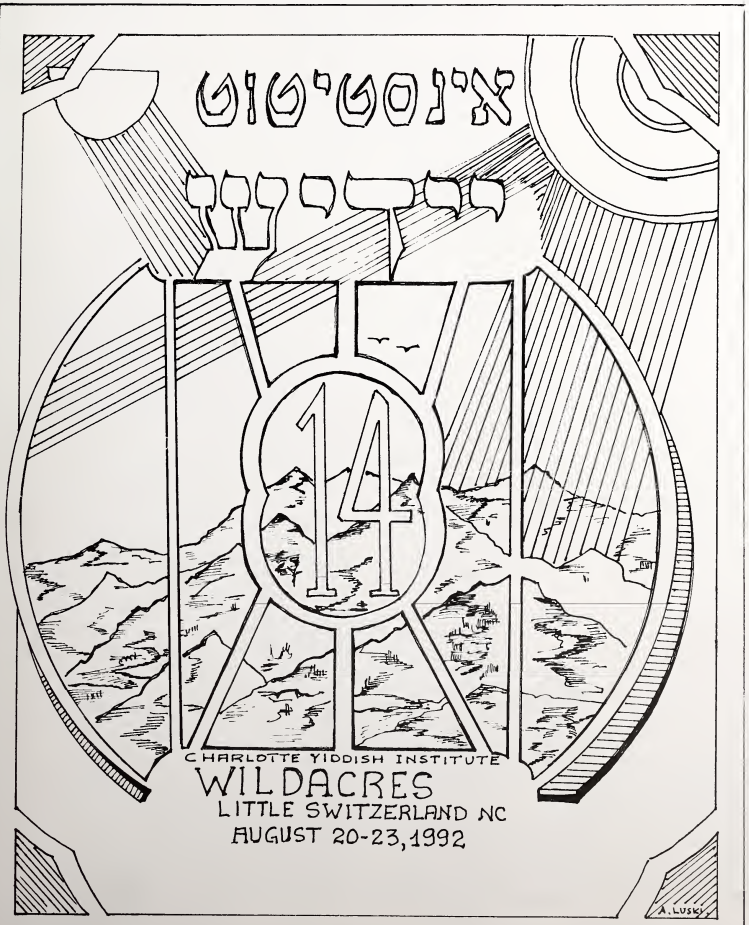
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Editorial

Looking to the Future of U.S.-Israel Relations

by Thomas A. Dine
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I have sensed more anger and anxiety over the U.S.-Israel relationship, during encounters with pro-Israel activists from around the country over the last few weeks, than at any time in recent memory. We are most dismayed about the President's uncompromising stance on the loan guarantees, the spate of unsubstantiated, but nonetheless damaging, leaks emanating from the Administration, the alleged vulgarities and the whole patronizing approach this Administration's top officials have displayed toward Israel. But this anger and anxiety must be translated into action.

Jewish activism on behalf of the Soviet and Ethiopian Jews in Israel, and those waiting to go, is as important today as it was two years ago. The need for loan guarantees remains urgent. While many expected the humanitarian task of securing the guarantees to be easy, the economic climate in this country and the virulent opposition of the Administration have made it otherwise. This is not the first time the pro-Israel community has experienced a setback—it took years of effort before the Jackson-Vanik amendment and the anti-boycott Export Administration Act finally became law. We simply must—and will—continue until we achieve success.

It is time to return to the basics of the U.S.-Israel relationship. For decades, support for Israel has enjoyed a broad consensus among Americans. While polls may show disagreement with some Israeli policies, Americans still place a high value on democracy. One fundamental principle differentiates between Israel and the other nations of the region and underscores the rock-solid foundation of the U.S.-Israel relationship: a common commitment to representative democracy and a societal code of morality based on the Judeo-Christian ethic.

Meanwhile, some Administration actions undermine the special relationship with Israel that is so fundamental to Israeli security and helpful to American interests. President Bush and Secretary of State Baker, after laboring for months to bring together the parties to the Middle East conflict, are unintentionally weakening the peace process by further isolating Israel. A successful peace process is predicated on an ironclad U.S. commitment to Israeli security.

Congress must step in to restore the U.S./Israel relationship—first, by assuring that Israel's qualitative edge is maintained. U.S. arms sales to countries technically at war with Israel are destabilizing and fly in the face of the Administration's stated goal of arms control in the region. The President must be shown that members of Congress want to see the peace process and new arms control negotiations succeed. A clear signal needs to come from Capitol Hill that acceding to Saudi Arabia's request for dozens of America's best attack fighter aircraft would unacceptably erode Israel's military edge, pushing the region away from peace and toward war.

Congress also has a role to play in guaranteeing the future of American-Israeli strategic cooperation. It is argued that Israel's strategic importance to the United States is gone with the end of the Cold War. But the truth is that Saddam was a greater threat in 1990, without Soviet support, than he was in 1980 with it. This holds true for Iran, Syria and Libya as well. All of these potential aggressors in the Middle East have been building up their inventories of modern weapons, conventional and unconventional, at such a frantic pace, they now pose a greater threat than they did when the Soviets held the leash.

It is time to stop wringing our hands and spring into action. The millions of Americans who support close relations with Israel—black and white, Christian and Jew—because they are in the moral, economic and security interests of the United States, must make common cause. It is up to us to make sure our issues are heard in November at every level—remember to register and vote in every local, state, Congressional and Presidential election. By exercising our constitutional rights as citizens, we can remind our nation's leaders of Israel's unique place as America's only stable, democratic ally in the Middle East.

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From the Associate Editor

Jewish Organizations Respond to Verdict and Riots in Los Angeles

Jewish organizations in the United States have issued statements on the acquittal of the four Los Angeles police officers in the beating of Rodney King and the ensuing riots.

The American Jewish Congress supports action to expedite civil suits against police brutality, specifically endorsing a proposal which "would allow the federal government to litigate on behalf of victims of police brutality, and provides for an award of damages running against cities and states."

Mazon has responded to the disaster by establishing an emergency fund to purchase supplies for Los Angeles food banks, pantries and soup kitchens. Moneys will be channeled to charities in affected areas through the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, a nonprofit food clearing house that provides donated and bulk purchased food to 625 area charities.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) issued its assessment of the verdict as "a shocking miscarriage of justice that we profoundly deplore and regret." The reaction of the riots was not condoned, but judged as an ineffective solution, victimizing families who live in the burnt-out neighborhoods. A national program of assistance and legal action by the Department of Justice was called for.

Rabbi Marc D. Angel, president of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox), stated that the decision of the jury is preplexing, but condemned the outbreak of civil disorder as one serving only to exacerbate criminal tensions. However, "this is not the time for outsiders to moralize about societal problems. This is the time for good people of all races and religions to find a common bond, a union for justice and harmony. Hatred and bias hurt every American. . .(and) . . .threaten the well-being of every American. This is a time for grassroots leadership to emerge. . ."

B'nai B'rith News release voiced their acceptance of the decision as binding, but "We are stunned and appalled. . ." The concern is about the unfortunate message that seems to have been sent by the jury's decision and about the eruption of wanton violence in its wake. In addition to condemning the verdict, B'nai B'rith launched a nationwide campaign, "to help provide food, clothing, medical supplies and other basic items to the innocent victims. . ." The message B'nai B'rith hopes such relief will deliver is that people care.

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Shavuot 5752

by Estelle Hoffman

Originally, in biblical times, Shavuot (June 7 and 8 in 1992) was a Festival of First Fruits. It was like the American Thanksgiving Day, a celebration of gratitude for a good harvest. In the Book of Deuteronomy is the commandment: "You shall observe the Feast of Weeks for the Lord your God, offering your freewill contribution according as the Lord your God has blessed you. You shall rejoice with your son and daughter, your male and female slave, the Levite in your communities, and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your midst, at the place where the Lord your God will choose to establish His name."

It is interesting to be reminded that the seven foods of Israel praised in Torah are wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

In the Temple in Jerusalem the High Priest would present at the altar two loaves of bread (the wave-offering), a symbol of the partnership of humans with God. God sends rain, seeds and sunshine for growth of grain, and we give back to God the bread, into which we have added our labor to his gift.

A debate arose amongst the people towards the end of the period of the Second Temple. It seems the Sadducees were interested principally in the sacrifices, and the Pharisees more in prayer and study of Torah. The Pharisees were the forerunners of the Talmudic rabbis, who later wrestled for the meaning of God's word.

It was important for them that future generations "stand at Sinai," as the celebration of Pesach is to realize for us the escape from slavery in Egypt. They may have hoped that one of the festivals prescribed in the Torah concealed the moment of Sinai. Since the point of liberation from bondage was to make possible the gift of Torah to the Jewish people, it made sense that the holiday following Pesach should celebrate receiving the commandments.

It was ultimately decided that Shavuot, which had been the only major holiday without political or historic significance as well as agricultural, would be observed with the Feast of Weeks.

The date of the Sinai experience was indefinite. The counting of the *omer* was to be 49 days, but it was indefinite as to when to begin the count. The rabbis concluded that the count should start on the second day of Pesach, so that Shavuot fell on the sixth day of the month of Sivan. The holiday became the celebration of receiving the Torah, and thanksgiving for the harvest.

After the Temple was destroyed, it would have been of little relevance to the scattered people to recall the wave-offering of the Priests in the Temple. Combined with the gift and acceptance of Torah, the rabbis had a meaningful heritage to bind the Jewish people, wherever they found themselves.

On Shavuot in synagogues, the portion of the Torah read on the first day of Shavuot is in Exodus, Chapters 19 and 20. The Israelites enter the wilderness of Sinai and witness the delivery of the Ten Commandments. Everyone stands for the reading of the Ten Commandments. There is also a reading of the sacrifices for Shavuot from the Book of Numbers.

The Prophetic reading (Haftarah) comes from the Book of Ezekiel. The meaning is obscure, and almost never does one attempt an interpretation. Arthur Waskow, in *Seasons of our Joy,* speculates that the connection between the portions read might be that the throng that stood at Sinai was a group each of whom had his vision. Or that strange as is Ezekiel's vision, so strange was the hearing of God's voice.

In the Diaspora, Jews celebrate a second day of Shavuot (except the Reform). The readings are from the Book of Ruth and the Prophet Habakkuk. Yizkor is recited on the second day, in memory of the dead.

For reasons not completely clear, it has become the custom to eat dairy foods on Shavuot and to include some of the seven foods of Israel as mentioned above.



Mushroom Barley Soup

3 cups mushroom slices (about 1/2 lb.)
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/3 cup butter or margarine
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups water
2 cups milk
1/2 cup quick barley
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1-1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
Dash of pepper

Saute mushrooms, onion and green pepper in butter. Blend in flour; continue cooking over medium heat until flour is browned. Gradually add water and milk; add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring frequently; reduce heat. Cover; simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until barley is tender, stirring occasionally. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

NOTE: Additional milk or water may be added if soup becomes too thick upon standing.

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8 oz. broad noodles
1/4 cup corn oil margarine
1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
1 cup plain yogurt
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup seedless raisins

Boil the noodles as directed on package; drain and toss with bits of margarine. Stir the cottage cheese, yogurt, lemon juice and vanilla together; add brown sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Toss mixture lightly through the noodles. Spoon into a well-greased baking dish and bake in a 350° oven for 1 hour, or until lightly browned. Serves 6.

Tuna, Macaroni and Cheese

1 6-1/2 oz. can tuna
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup small curd cottage cheese
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
6 oz. macaroni, cooked
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup dairy sour cream
1/4 cup sliced green onion
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup milk
Optional: ripe olives, mushrooms, nutmeg
Garnish: paprika, parsley flakes, oregano

Drain tuna. Combine eggs, cottage cheese, Jack cheese, sour cream, onion, salt, pepper, (nutmeg, olives, mushrooms). Stir in macaroni and tuna; pour into buttered casserole or 9x9 inch pan. Sprinkle with Parmesan, parsley flakes, oregano, paprika. Cover with foil and bake in 350° oven 45 minutes. Remove from oven and let set covered for 10 minutes before serving. Serves 4.

Oriental Yentel

2 ripe tomatoes, diced
1 cucumber, unpeeled and diced
1 cup iceberg lettuce, shredded
1 yellow or orange pepper, seeded and diced
1 medium carrot, grated on coarse side of grater
8-10 pitted black olives, quartered
1/2 cup 'greenies' or coarsely chopped parsley
juice of 1 lemon
2 Tbsps. olive oil
5-6 drops sesame oil
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 tsp. ground coriander
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

In large non-metal bowl, lightly stir together tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce, yellow pepper, carrot, olives and 'greenies.' In cup or small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, oils, garlic and coriander. Pour over vegetables and toss. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serves 4 to 6.
Ethel G. Hofman, Atlanta Jewish Times

Date Squares

1 cup chopped dates
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup boiling water
1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 Tbsps. cocoa
1-3/4 cups flour
6 oz. bag chocolate chips
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Put baking soda on dates. Pour on boiling water. Cool. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and cocoa. Add flour and dates alternating to butter mixture. Grease 9x11 pan. Sprinkle on chocolate chips and nuts. Bake at 350 degrees 35-40 minutes. Check at 30 minutes. Cool. Cut into squares.
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Eggplant Rollatini

1/3 cup light seed oil for frying
4 or 5 small eggplants, about 2 lbs., unpeeled, sliced lenghtwise 1/4 inch thick
3 garlic cloves, chopped
4 Tbsps. chopped fresh parsley
1/2 lb. mozzarella, thinly sliced
3 Tbsps. chopped capers
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 Tbsps. olive oil
1 tomato, sliced
parsley sprigs for garnish

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees and lightly oil an attractive 8x8 baking dish. Heat the seed oil in a skillet, add the eggplant slices, a few at a time, and fry until lightly browned on both sides. Drain on paper towels, then transfer to a work surface. Distribute the garlic, parsley, mozzarella and capers on the eggplant slices, sprinkle with salt and pepper, roll each of them loosely from top to bottom, fasten with toothpicks, and place in the baking dish. Drizzle with olive oil and bake for 20 minutes. Serve hot from baking dish, garnished with fresh tomato slices and parsley sprigs.
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Among the criteria for scholarship students to fulfill is the writing of an evaluation of their experience and how it will influence their Yiddish involvement in the future. The following are excerpts from an essay written by two students of University of Massachusetts at Amherst:

The Adventure of the Charlotte Yiddish Institute

by Myra Ellen Edelstein and Jeffrey A. Aronofsky

The magic started two years ago when we were first invited to attend the Charlotte Yiddish Institute as student scholarship recipients. Little did we know what a great impact that event would have in our lives. We accepted the invitation with excitement and expectation, planning a camping trip to help us on our 1000 mile journey from the University of Massachusetts to Little Switzerland, N.C. The very name, Little Switzerland, carries with it a magical connotation.

Our participation at the Charlotte Yiddish Institute was a turning point in our lives. Our Yiddish language skills were scant, but we loved being surrounded by the *Yiddishkeyt* and *mame loshen.* We fully immersed ourselves in the Institute, absorbing as much as we could of the Yiddish lectures, music, dance and conversation. This was an enchanting experience in a magical, mountain-top setting.

We were fortunate this summer, 1991, to be invited back to a very special Charlotte Yiddish Institute, the Bar Mitzvah year celebration. We were a part of a 13-year award-winning Yiddish program, and we were proud.

For us, this Institute was different from our first. It was special. A year ago in August we were unable to attend the Institute because we were both studying Yiddish at Oxford University in England. We returned to Little Switzerland this year with a greater command of Yiddish—and an improved ability to comprehend the wonderful lectures and conversation.

Anita Norich, Zachary Baker, Zalman Mlotek, Phyllis Berk and the rest of the fine staff dazzled us with lectures and music par excellence. The intellectual stimulation was of the highest calibre; challenging us to question, debate and understand the Singer family of writers, the meaning of "shtetl" and "dorf" in Eastern Europe, our heritage, our family histories, our *Yiddishkeyt.*

The hard work and vision of Baila Pransky and the Institute Committee appeared like a shining star every moment of the Institute. Everyone was impressed with the organization, delivery and quality of each event. We were kept busy from early morning until the wee hours—some of us singing and dancing until 3:00 in the morning! We were enraptured with the warmth, hospitality and energy of the *Institutniks.*

As returning students, we feel a sense of pride and accomplishment for having attended this Institute. This experience has given us a first hand glimpse of a language that was nearly lost to us. We both grew up hearing a minimal amount of Yiddish spoken in our homes. While studying at the University of Massachusetts, we were lucky enough to study with Professor Chana Kliger, a former Charlotte Yiddish Institute lecturer herself, and Aaron Lansky, the founder and president of the National Yiddish Book Center. We were drawn to Yiddish, as if something were calling to us which we couldn't ignore. We just knew this was our heritage, a legacy we hope to leave to our grandchidren and great grandchildren. We want them to realize the beauty of the *mame loshen.* We are glad we realize this beauty.

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute has a commitment to encourage student attendance at its program. This is a wise and important goal. For both of us, attending the Institute was educational, inspiring, important, motivational and fun. We were able to go home and say, "Yiddish is alive and well and living in the Blue Ridge Mountains, y'all!" We were able to go home with an increased desire to read and study Yiddish. For these gifts, we sincerely thank the people that made our scholarships possible, and we applaud Baila Pransky and the Institute Committee for planning a magnificent event.

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A Reawakening of Fascism

by Dr. Klara Mandić

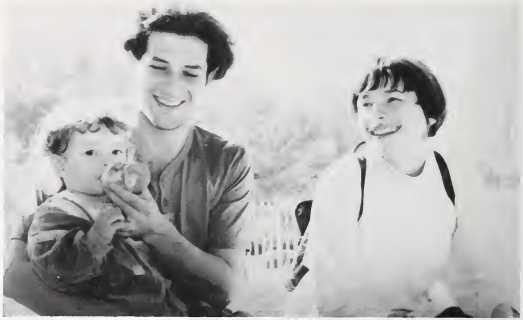
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Ankica Konjuh survived the infamous Croatian concentration camp, Jasenovac, where tens of thousands of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies were exterminated during World War II. The elderly Jewish woman did not survive Croatian extremists in her own village of Petrinja who in September of 1991, according to witnesses, shot her in the legs, tied her to a fence, poured gasoline over her and set her aflame after she spoke out against attacks on her Serbian neighbors. Ankica Konjuh was the first documented Jewish victim of Croatian extremists in Yugoslavia's civil war.

Virtually unrecognized by the world, there is a reawakening of fascism in Europe today that is most evident in Croatia and in a reunited Germany. The world community must be awakened to this emerging threat to humanity and stimulated to take appropriate action now.

In Germany there has been a neo-Nazi resurgence with neo-Nazi "skinheads" stoning the housing of foreign workers while neighbors cheered them on in Hoyerswerda last September. This sparked a surge of violent attacks against "foreigners" which the German government moved to deal with only after weeks of criticism. The televised images of these attacks are like an echo from Germany's Nazi past. In Yugoslavia the echo is even louder.

In the secessionist republic of Croatia, President Franjo Tudjman has steadfastly refused to disassociate himself and his government from the World War II fascist Independent State of Croatia which was allied with Nazi Germany and which carried out a vicious policy against Serbs, Jews and Gypsies that claimed hundreds of thousands of victims. As Tudjman led Croatia toward secession after his election in 1990 there was systematic escalation of intimidation and violence aimed at Serbs and abuse of their human rights.



YUGOSLAVIANS FLEE CIVIL WAR AND FIND SAFETY IN ISRAEL—Gordon Ledich, his wife Nevis, and their son, Noel, recently escaped the civil war between Croats and Serbs. While living in the Croatian town of Zagreb, the Ledichs lived with the sounds of exploding bombs and the fear that Gordon Ledich would be forcefully enlisted into the Croatian Militia. Photo by UJA Press Service/P. & T. Samson, 12/91.

President Tudjman revived the symbolism of the World War II fascist Independent State of Croatia in a new Croatian flag, demanded written declarations of loyalty to the new Zagreb government, arbitrarily fired thousands of Serbs from their jobs, denied them the right to use the Cyrillic alphabet, and prohibited them from operating their own schools. Tudjman's Croatian Democratic Party armed "reliable Croats," and Serbs were subjected to beatings and other physical violence. More than 150,000 fled Croatia to seek refuge in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbs in Croatia, not unreasonably, fear a repetition of the horror they experienced in World War II at the hands of an Independent State of Croatia. Their fears are heightened by President Tudjman's attempts to minimize the number of victims of Croatian fascist genocide in World War II and his admission that the Croatia of that period "reflected those centuries-old aspirations of the Croat people."

In his book *Wastelands - Historical Truth*, Croatia's president has argued that the figure of 6 million Jews killed during World War II "is founded too on both emotional biased testimonies and on exaggerated data." He stated that the Jewish people "became so brutal and conducted a genocidal policy towards the Palestinians that they can rightly be defined as Judeo-Nazis." The Croatian fascist extermination camps during World War II, he contended, were run by the inmates and critics are "monstrously multiplying" the numbers who died in them. He claimed complicity of Jewish inmates of the camps in many of the murders, particularly of Gypsies whose gold they coveted.

The world knows little about the genocide carried out against Serbs, Jews and Gypsies in World War II because after the war Yugoslavs were forbidden by Tito's communist government from talking about it. Decades have passed. Communism has passed. But fear of a new genocide grows.

The Jewish people suffered 6 million victims of genocide in World War II. Never again! In Israel the Jewish people took up arms to defend themselves, their children and their country. Serbs suffered 700,000 victims of genocide in World War II. Never again! Threatened with a new genocide, the Serbian people have fought back to protect themselves, their children and

their country.

The first major foreign policy initiative of a reunited Germany has been to press for immediate recognition of the secessionist republics of Slovenia and Croatia. This initiative was undertaken despite the fact that recognition encourages Croatia to continue the war and undercuts the efforts of the United Nations to secure a lasting cease fire to allow introduction of U.N. peace keeping forces that could protect innocent civilians and create conditions in which fair and just settlement could be negotiated.

Despite opposition from the United States and the U.N. Secretary General, the European Community, in a concession to German demands, agreed to recognize Croatia and Slovenia on January 15, 1992 after requiring that the republics meet some requirements for democratic rule and give guarantees of human rights. But the echoes of history grow louder, and in view of Croatia's history no Serb in Croatia can feel confident that such guarantees will be honored.

We are experiencing a rebirth of fascism in Croatia that is abetted by a reunited Germany. Jews cannot stand silent. We must speak out.

During World War II many Serbs took great personal risks, many died to hide and protect Jewish families in Yugoslavia from Croatian fascists and Nazis. Ankica Konjuh knew this. She took a stand when her Serbian neighbors were threatened by Croatian neo-fascists. She gave her life. It is time for Jews everywhere to take a stand, time to insist that political leaders recognize what is happening.

Serbs in Croatia should have the same right to self-determination as Croatians who wish to secede from Yugoslavia and create an independent state. Any just settlement must recognize that Serbs in Croatia cannot, with good reason, feel secure in an independent state of Croatia. Serbs have been the first victims of a secessionist Croatia. Ankica Konjuh was the first Jewish victim. Who among us will be the next?

The Last of Ethiopia's Jews

by Jordan Susman

(WZPS) In the remote villages of Ethiopia's Gondar region, large numbers of Jews are selling their few possessions, packing food and water and setting out for the Land of Israel. Walking for as much as two weeks to reach remote outposts, the last of Ethiopia's Jews are in the process of fulfilling a dream.

Remote Villages Discovered

One year after Operation Solomon dramatically spirited 14,300 Jews out of Addis Ababa to Israel, the effort to rescue the remaining Jews continues. The original estimate of 1,000 Jews, however, quadrupled with the discovery of large numbers of previously unknown villages and a new community numbering almost 2,000 in Quara, a remote area of the Gondar. "It now appears that about 4,500 Ethiopian Jews were not in Addis Ababa at the time of Operation Solomon," says Arnon Mantver, director general of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department. "2,300 of them have since been flown to Israel via Rome at a rate of 30-70 a week. The rest should be here by summer."

An office in the Gondar enables Jewish Agency workers to comb the area looking for additional Jewish villages and families. But with few roads or facilities and large numbers of armed former rebels controlling the area, "it complicates things logistically," says Jewish Agency Spokesman Gad Ben-Ari.

Arduous Journey

Entire villages are on the move, uprooting themselves and walking through the hostile climate to remote absorption centers set up by the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee. Barefoot, with young children on their backs, the elderly moving more slowly with the aid of walking staffs, they arrive exhausted at these outposts. Food, water and basic medical care are available before the

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Ethiopian Art works by Eli Aman, a self-taught Ethiopian sculptor now in Israel, depict life in his native village in Gondar Province. (L.) "Mother with Child"; (R.) "A Village Elder."

Searching for Yehuda Amichai in Tel Aviv

by Joseph Cohen

The second in a series of literary travel pieces on Israel and Egypt.

Sunday, December 15, 1991. It was a cool night, the air laden with moisture from the recent heavy rains. My wife Ruth and I had spent our first day in Israel trekking through Tel Aviv and Jaffa. Still tired from our long flight from America the previous day but intrigued by the wonder of being in Israel, we felt like we were good for one more walk before dinner. We headed down Ben Yehuda Street toward the city center. The streets were bright with the city's lights, shop windows blazing, their neon signs competing in a medley of singing colors. The shops were all open, the sidewalks were teeming with people. The time had come for us to go in search of Yehuda Amichai.

Now, it's fairly well established that the great Jewish poet lives not in Tel Aviv but in Moshe Yemin in Jerusalem. Not only that, I knew that Amichai was off traveling and that we wouldn't even see him. Nonetheless, I'd been waiting for over two years for the opportunity to do this search. Would I find him? I figured the chances were good. Not in person, of course, but in his poems, in one poem, particularly. It's in his volume entitled *From Man You Are And To Man Shall You Return* published in 1985. We went hunting for a copy. We headed for Steimatskys, the big Israeli bookstore chain, thinking surely it would be available there.

What is it that makes this poem of Amichai's so important to me? To answer that, we have to go back to the winter of 1983-84 when I learned that Amichai was coming to America. As the director of the Jewish Studies Program at Tulane, I brought him to New Orleans on April 8, 1984, and that night he gave a reading of his poetry that marks one of the high spots in the program's history.

The next morning Amichai came with me to my office in Newcomb Hall, located on the northwest edge of the Tulane campus. There we taped an interview which subsequently appeared in my book *Voices of Israel,* published in 1990. Afterward, we walked around the Newcomb campus. It was a glistening sunshiny day. The air was filled with the music of songbirds in the oak trees that line the campus sidewalks, and with the sweet scents of the flora everywhere blooming.

We sauntered along the west side of Newcomb Hall where there is a lovely mall reaching to Broadway Street. The mall fronts on Josephine Louise Hall, a women's dormitory. A few yards from the entrance there is a gentle slope about ten feet wide that runs from Newcomb Hall to the street, a seventy-foot long grassy "beach-chair" where in the spring the dormitory's inhabitants lounge in swim suits and bikinis working on their sun-tans. A bevy of coeds, not having classes that morning, were sun-bathing. While we strolled, Amichai asked me about my family and I told him about Gloria, my first wife, and our three children, and about Gloria's death in 1980 following a long illness. Afterward we walked to the university library for a tour of that facility, and I took Amichai up to view the rare books collection. Casual and relaxed, he was nonetheless busy absorbing it all.

After his visit Amichai and I occasionally wrote to one another. In 1989 he told me he was again coming to America, and I arranged a return visit to Tulane for September 18, 1989. Interspersed with his reading of English translations of his poem were a few he read only in Hebrew. It was another memorable occasion.

The next morning while we were having breakfast in the Pontchartrain Hotel coffee shop Amichai asked me to get him some paper. I went to the front desk and got a couple of pieces of hotel stationery. He took them and began writing. He was translating into English one of the Hebrew poems he had read the night before. A rough translation of the title, he said, would be "At the University in New Orleans." Here is Amichai's translation of his poem:



Joseph Cohen (L) with Yehuda Amichai in New Orleans in 1989.

The quiet man showed me around the campus.
His dead wife joined us with the pleasant charm of Paradise.
Girls lay in the grass, God lay in Heaven.
At this beautiful place amongst
Fragrant beds of flowers
The huge imposing building of the library
Is without meaning.
Libraries are like orphanages.
The books stand in them
Silently in straight lines.
The parents of the words
Have died long ago.
And whatever happened
Is as if it never happened.
History is the delivery
Of a great tiredness
For new and still fresh people
Like these girls now
Tanning in the grass
Waiting for the sunset
To make them even more beautiful.

After writing out the translation of this lovely, beguiling poem, Amichai looked up for a moment, and then bending to the hotel stationery again, he added "For Joseph who inspired this." In an academic career in literature spanning more than four decades that has brought me into fleeting contact with many famous poets and novelists, I can think of few moments that are comparable to the pure pleasure of that instant when Amichai handed me those two sheets of paper.

At Steimatsky's I explained to the sales woman, in English, what we were looking for. She located the volume, but she couldn't find the poem in it. Another sales woman came to help. Despite the natural fluency in Hebrew of both of the young women, the second one couldn't locate the poem either. I was dismayed. Then Ruth took the book and renewed the search. She knows

some Hebrew. Though she is too modest to admit it, she's been studying Hebrew on her own, in fact, for over a year and a half, listening to tapes, preparing for our trip. She is as good a linguist as I am a bad one. She thumbed through the pages and she found the poem. Dismay dissolved into delight, and exuberant and happy we left Steimatsky's with our prize in hand.

Did we find Amichai in Tel Aviv? Is Israel not the Promised Land?

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Are We Losing The Faith?

by Rabbi Harold Schulweis
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In his book *Can Faith Survive?* Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath wrote, "Subtract religion from Jewish peoplehood and you remove the heart." If he were alive today, the former president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations would be shaken by the demographic discovery that 1.2 million Jews answered "none" when asked, "What is your religion?" Today, 90 percent of America's 5.5 million Jews define their Jewishness in terms of belonging to an ethnic or cultural group; less than 5 percent consider being Jewish solely in terms of belonging to a religious group.

We have looked everywhere to account for the weakening of Jewish fidelity, rising unaffiliation and poor synagogue attendance—to economics, psychology, sociology, ethnicity—everywhere except to theology, to Jewish religious culture, to our internal estrangement from the sacred. But without transmitting a credible and compelling faith, we will not be able to sustain our identity. We may improve our liturgy, refine our prayers, enlarge our choirs, offer alternative services; they will remain at best atmospherics. The problem is internal—it calls for inreach.

Without the Jewish belief and value system, our finest outreach programs will sputter to failure. Take for example the matter of out-marriage that concerns us all.

In my office I am not confronted by interfaith couples. I am confronted by inter-faithless couples. I am not dealing with atheists or fundamentalists. I am dealing with Jews who are religiously uncultured, uninformed and misinformed. I meet them daily.

David sits across my desk. When we get around to talking about his Jewish identity, he says, "I'm not the religious type. I guess I'm a cultural Jew."

But David is not a cultural Jew. He has no language, no song, no poetry, no drama, no Zion and, of course, no God. David is a Jew by genes, proud of his secular schooling.

Judaism As 'Kitchen Theology'

For David a "religious type" is associated with things "alimentary," a matter of forbidden foods—shrimp, bacon, crabs. This is kitchen theology. In his mind, 4,000 years of ethical monotheism are reduced to a matter of pots and pantheism.

What of David's Jewish religious education? He recalls it as being largely wasteful, infantile, irrelevant to his adult life. David remembers Bible stories told with prosaic literalism by his religious school teachers. But when I ask David what he thinks is the Jewish view of God, or biblical revelation, or human nature, or sin and atonement, or the afterlife, or the Jewish understanding of history, he is bewildered—as are a majority of Jews. Sadly I wondered what we had done wrong in creating so many Davids for whom Judaism as a religion is so small.

Like so many other children, when David was a youngster he came to our classes eager to ask "really" questions. Did Noah really gather all of these animals into one ark? Did Moses really split the sea with a rod? Does prayer really work? Does God really answer? Is a God who creates deformed children in His image really fair?

"Really" questions are not frivolous or trivial. They are the most important questions a person will ever ask. "Really" questions are about reality: What can I trust? What can I believe? What can I hope for? What can I expect? What are the limits of faith? What in my fear can I call upon?

When he was seven, David asked his teacher whether God really hears prayers. She answered automatically, "Yes," of course God hears prayers. And He answers them." Why did David ask? He prayed for a toy he never got—his first theological crisis. If God really hears and answers, then why not David's prayer?

His teacher offered a conventional theological response: "God," she said, "hears prayers, but in your case, He said no."

When David grew older, his mother was hospitalized. David prayed hard for her recovery, but she died. David recalled his teacher's religious response. Did God say "no" to his prayers for his mother? If so, was there something wrong with his mother, or with his father, or with himself to deserve such a judgment? The teacher's first answer was theologi-

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cally irresponsible and ignorant of the Jewish tradition. It bred guilt, accusations, self-recrimination.

To teach that God said "no" is to create a dybbuk—a ghost that has cast a long shadow over David's life. The same question will come up in a different form later. Did God say "no" to the prayers of the children of Auschwitz or the citizens of Chernobyl or Hiroshima? David was taught that Judaism believes human tragedy is divine punishment. An opportunity was lost to teach David the realistic view of Jewish prayer.

What happens when the questions of our youth are deferred, dismissed, neglected, unanswered, or poorly answered? They create a theological black hole. And because human nature abhors a vacuum, the hole is filled with street theology, fundamentalist fantasies, superstitions; miracles are turned into magic, liturgy into theurgy, worship into rote petitions, worshippers into passive supplicants.

'Touch My Love'

When my daughter was young, she asked the first theological question that all of us ask—"Where is God?" That evening at bedtime I asked her, "Do you love me?" She nodded. "Do I love you?" She nodded again and smiled. "Then touch my love," I said. She hesitated. In this way I sought to introduce my daughter to a central Jewish religious idea of spirituality; that most of the things we care about and that make life meaningful cannot be touched, felt, probed, pushed, bent, twisted or located. Peace and justice, fairness and compassion—none of these real, sacred qualities is locatable; however, in the history of Jewish thought, all are identified as attributes of real divinity, the reality of God.

When my daughter again asked me "where" is God, I asked her "where" is love. This time she said that love was in her. So I asked her to hug and kiss herself. She then understood that love is relational—it requires another. This kind of experience provides analogs—God is not isolated. When God is expressed, it is always in correlation with another. God, like love, is not in you or in me but "between" us. Between-ness is the beginning of Jewish religious culture.

Orthodox fundamentalists seek out *chozrim b'tshuvah, baale tshuva*—literally those who return to the one and only "answer." But they do not speak to David—neither to his mind nor to his heart and conscience. Our task is to seek out *chozrim b'shealah*, those who return through the question; even those who have given up questions.

David must be encouraged to ask and to be answered. If we are to retrieve David's respect, we have to resurrect the prematurely buried religious questions of our youth. We must reclaim the questioning child.

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migrants are transported to a larger, more central absorption center in the city of Tedah. From there they are driven to Addis Ababa and then flown to Israel.

Says Ben-Ari, "The operation is being coordinated with the Ethiopian government, which considers the immigration a process of family reunification." They are also eager to reestablish the good relations with Israel that existed before the Communist takeover in the early 1970s.

Christian Converts Issue

But budding relations are being threatened by the Falashmura—Ethiopian Christians of Jewish descent. Although vastly differing estimates exist, Haggai Erlich, an expert on modern Ethiopia at Tel Aviv University claims, "There are hundreds of thousands of Falashmura in Ethiopia, some three to four thousand of whom have family in Israel and want to be reunited with them and return to Judaism."

Ethiopia's new President Mellis Zenawe has stated that the idea of Israel needing to "rescue" converted Jews threatens "the very nature of our identity." According to Zenawe, "Every Ethiopian from Addis Ababa northwards can claim that he is a Jew who converted to Christianity." The issue, he says, "substantially threatens" relations between the two governments.

As no-one wants to endanger the Jews presently being brought to Israel, the problem of the Falashmura will be "dealt with at a later date," according to one official.

"But there is no problem with bringing the Ethiopian Jews who remain faithful to their religion to Eretz Israel," says Erlich. "Within a year this issue will, fortunately, be a non-issue."

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You are walking down the tumultuous corridors of the US Air terminals in Charlotte. You are feeling edgy about an upcoming business meeting or a family reunion. You don't know a soul. Or do you? Coming down the walkway facing you is a man whom you have never even passed in the street before. He wears a small yarmulke. You don't know his name or where he comes from. Yet, you may still feel a vague but strong connection. Why?

Over the past few weeks, my phone has been busy with people humbly and somewhat shyly asking me if their story might be of interest to you, the readers, of this column. One of the things I like best about being a writer is that you have the potential to become acquainted with a bevy of not only interesting people but people with far different lives and passions from your own. I will relate the stories of three of these people, all with very different lives. As I interviewed them, I felt an almost indefinable connection with them all, as if they were part of my family. Let's explore what's behind this.

When I was a young boy hanging around my father and mother's store in Sylva, N.C., I distinctly remember the eye contact between my parents when a person or family who appeared to be Jewish entered our doors. Very adeptly my father would intertwine somehow in the conversation, *"Landsman?"* This was not asking them if they were from North Carolina. It did not matter if they were Zionists or what division of Judaism they preferred. They were simply *landsmen* and that was enough. I always liked that clear, simple acceptance.

What are the varied bonds that exist between Jews who are so different and yet so alike? Are these bonds as strong as in previous decades? Have these bonds been murkied by our own divisions? Could we return to that simple acceptance?

For the sake of discussion let's tread quickly over some obvious connections, not because they are not valid but because I only wish to speak from the heart and soul. Let us put aside Semitic physical characteristics. Let us respectfully glide by discussions of the three or four divisions of Judaic worship, and even our gastronomic proclivity for high fat sandwiches from Wolfies. I want to speak to that feeling that may be akin to discussing why you like Almond Joy which we all know is indescribably delicious.

Dr. Arnold Krochmal of Asheville, N.C., sat in his home telling me of his involvement in ten World War II campaigns and three invasions. I hear of his appointment as one of the first white Jewish professors in a black Southern college. Dr. Krochmal shows me invitations from the Dutch government and other governments to assist them in the fields of forestry and horticulture. He and his wife, Connie, are the authors of more than fifteen books, many published by the New York Times.

Louis Srulowitz of Lawrence, N.Y., and Franklin, N.C., told me of his many attempts to escape Germany; his terrors in Belgium; and of his parents' escape to the Jewish colony in Shanghai carrying with them their few sewing machines to start their industry over and over again.

Nathan Berkman, now 104, tells of how on the High Holy Days in Minsk, Russia, straw was spread on the floor of the temple as no shoes were worn; and when the rabbi mounted the *bima,* everyone would tremble. He tells that a Jew might take off his yarmulke if he encountered a Christian as they walked by a church so as to show respect to another religion.

What do Arnold, Louis, Nathan, you and I have in common? Are we *landsmen* or just social accidents that happen to fall into each other's paths? Is it that mysterious theory of common historical experience buried in our psyche? This theory originating the fight or flight feeling which we are told makes us wish to escape a board room battle as our caveman ancestors might have escaped their caves under attack. This may play a part, but there must be more.

What about the negative force of fear itself that has brought a unity of the Jews. Even as I sat safely in a restaurant booth with Ronald McDonald staring me in the eye and listened to Louis tell me of the fear of armed soldiers knocking on his boarding room door to end his freedom, I felt like taking Louis' arm and both of us digging a tunnel under the drive-in window. When Arnold Krochmal led me downstairs to his office to show me his collection of artifacts from every corner of the world, I saw a hooked rug at the bottom of the stairs with a bold swastika. Arnold told me he leaves it there to wipe his feet on every chance he gets. Nathan Berk-



Lt. Arnold Krochmal, March 1944 at Anzio.

man tells of moving to the Catskill Mountains years ago and entering a community that had signs, "No Dogs or Jews Allowed."

Fear, persecution, and even being the "Chosen" surely are factors of this connection but there must be something even beyond that. I was not with Arnold Krochmal in Anzio. I have never felt the crunch of straw under my bare feet in a synagogue as Nathan Berkman has. I have never felt the depth of fear of walking through the black night to cross boundaries of European countries and of being turned back as Louis Srulowitz has. How could I feel what I feel?

I don't want to disappoint you, but I have learned that only a fool boldly states he knows without a doubt. Though it is probably some of all of the before-mentioned theories and more, this is what I do know. When I was a little boy and my father gave me a really tight hug, I remember feeling the sometimes slightly rough stubble of his beard against my face. It felt warm, secure, and just plain right. Some scientists would probably tell me it was the skin capillaries' brain response to stimuli in the cortex section of my brain. I never analyzed it then, and I won't try now. Perhaps the "Jewish connection" shouldn't be analyzed, either. It just is and always should be. Instead of bumper stickers that say, "Have you hugged your cat today?" we should have some that say, "Have you hugged another Jew today?" Go ahead and hug a Christian and a Zen Buddhist, too. It won't harm a thing. I do warn you, though, before you run up to that guy in the airport with the yarmulke, be sure to say first, *"Landsman?"*

Ken Gould of Fort Lee, N.J., contributed to this article.

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National & World News Briefs

Judaism, Americanism and Mazon

by Leonard Fein

By now we are supposed to be used to the matter-of-fact description of desperate need in Mississippi, Massachusetts and Montana, of hunger in big cities and in rural areas, of malnourished new-borns and homeless families, of people whose food stamps run out a week before they're eligible for more, of people who don't know how to apply for food stamps and of people who are too proud to apply for food stamps, of the frail elderly who live alone and depend on delivered meals not only for their food but also for the few minutes of companionship the driver provides.

But how can we allow ourselves to "get used" to such tragedies, to such scandals? Yes, it would be a relief to turn away from them, to turn to more pleasant things. But how can we? How dare we? And if we do, may God help us, what happens to those who are haunted by hunger?

We are American citizens, and we are Jews; hence we are twice-born into traditions of generosity and justice. As Jews, we are children of history's most ancient obsession with justice, of a people who once left the corners of their fields to be gleaned by the poor. As Americans, we are citizens of history's greatest experiment in freedom, of a country that others take as their example and their inspiration.

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger asks no more than that we breathe life into these twin traditions. Sooner or later, the general and generous will of the American people must shape the political will of its leaders. Sooner or later, we must come to translate into law our belief that in a society of abundance, freedom from hunger is an entitlement. But meanwhile, are today's victims to be held hostage to tomorrow's reforms? Meanwhile, therefore, there is Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Leonard Fein, former publisher of ***Moment Magazine,*** *is the founder of Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.*

Catholic-Jewish Relations

At a meeting on May 5 in Baltimore, Md., of Catholic and Jewish leaders from around the globe, Pope John Paul II was urged to "publicly condemn the sin of anti-Semitism and acts of anti-Semitism."

Rabbi Henry I. Sobel of Sao Paulo, Brazil, representing the Latin-American Jewish Congress, addressed the 14th meeting of the International Liaison Committee, established to deal with relations between the Holy See and the Jewish community. It is composed of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, headed by Edgar M. Bronfman, and the Vatican Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews, led by Archbishop Edward I. Cassidy of Australia.

In his address, Rabbi Sobel cited the 1990 declaration adopted by the International Liaison Committee in Prague that declared anti-Semitism to be "a sin against God and humanity."

He appealed to Cardinal Cassidy and the members of the Vatican Commission to share with John Paul II how essential it is "that the new teachings of the Church about the Jewish people, enshrined in the Prague Declaration, shall become the new gospel of the Church."

While asserting that anti-Semitism in Latin America is "out of fashion," Rabbi Sobel warned that "when the huge region of 400 million people is beset by a menacingly poor economic climate associated with violence, crime and terror, the need for a scapegoat is more keenly felt and the masses are more likely to lend an ear to false Messiahs."

To protect against any potential outbreak of anti-Semitism, the Jewish community in Brazil has created a National Commission for Catholic-Jewish Dialogue under the sponsorship of the National Conference of

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Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

GCAR's 1992 Summer Kallah at Wildacres Includes Observance of Tisha b'Av

Rabbi Joseph Lukinsky, education professor at New York's Jewish Theological Seminary, is guest lecturer for the 42nd annual summer seminar/kallah August 6-12 sponsored by the GCAR, Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis, at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, N.C., an hour from Asheville, N.C., just off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This year's kallah includes observance of Tisha b'Av; the varied program contains daily minyanim, full observance of Shabbat, a sermon and a spouse mini-seminar, three kosher meals a day, art for children, talent night, and free time.

The GCAR is an intrareligious fellowship of Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Reform rabbis from many of the United States who've met since 1951 at the mountain retreat which was dedicated in 1946 by the late Mr. and Mrs. I.D. Blumenthal (Charlotte, N.C.) for the betterment of human relations.

Rabbi Lukinsky's lecture theme is "The Experience of the Yamim Noraim and Their Texts." For seminar details, write or call GCAR vice president/registrar Rabbi Philip Silverstein, 5827 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, S.C. 29206; office, (803) 782-2501; home (803) 738-1002. Space is limited and all inquiries should be made soon. Generous financial aid is given by the Blumenthal Foundation to keep rates low.

Kashrut is supervised by a Conservative rabbi, Robert Sandman of High Point, N.C.; (919) 886-7824 (home) or (919) 884-1965 (office, answering machine).

Families attending may combine the kallah with vacation plans because the area features many tourist attractions as well as renowned artists and craftspeople.

Community News of Greenville, S.C.

by Maurice Diamant

April was a busy, productive month at Temple of Israel and in the Jewish community in general.

On April 5, I sat in at one of Rabbi Cohn's Adult Education programs. He expounded on the various concepts held by Jews of God from ancient times to the present. It was very interesting and thought-provoking as his programs tend to be.

The Friday evening service of April 10 was a Social Action Sabbath. The Rabbi's sermon concentrated on the importance of social action in Judaism in general and within our community in particular. It was a participatory service with six Social Action Committee members of Temple reading varied, well-chosen pieces on the subject.

On April 14, Alan Liel, Israeli Consul General of Atlanta, was guest of Temple, sponsored by the Greenville Federation of Jewish Charities. Mr. Liel spoke on "Israel, The United States and South Carolina: Peace, Politics and Trade."

On April 29, a joint service of both Jewish congregations of Greenville, Beth Israel and Temple of Israel, was held at the synagogue, dedicated to Holocaust Remembrance: a Yom HaShoah Service. It was a program for the entire Jewish community. The service was conducted by Rabbi Jodie Futornick and Rabbi James Cohn.

I am particularly pleased to see more and more joint undertakings and programs by the Conservative and the Reform congregations.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Fran Hirschel

Watching our new Temple gradually being built, we await its completion with eager anticipation. Even in its partially complete state it is a serene and beautiful monument, and one can only imagine how awe-inspiring it will be when all the work has been done. It is too early to say for sure, but I think the members of the building committee and the professionals they engaged are doing an outstanding job. While we will be having our High Holy Day services in the new Temple, the official dedication will take place during the weekend of October 9-11.

June is a month filled with significant events at Temple Beth El. Our

Administrator

Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C., seeks an administrator with a minimum of 3 yrs. of general administrative management experience, preferably in temple setting. Similar experience gained in a different organizational environment will be considered. Candidates should possess a working knowledge and skills in areas of personnel administration, financial systems & reporting, purchasing, food service, and building maintenance. Membership development experience helpful. Baccalaureate degree required. Attractive compensation package. Please submit resume, in confidence, with salary history and requirements to: Chairman, **HASTY, Search Committee, P.O. Box 9331, Charlotte, N.C. 28299. EOE, M/F Employer.**

annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. In addition to approving a new Constitution and Bylaws, our members will elect officers and members of the Board of Directors for the 1992-1993 year, which begins on July 1. The proposed slate of officers includes Michael A. Gold as president, Mitchell Rifkin as 1st vice president, Spencer Stolpen as v.p. finance, Sara Benfield as v.p. education, Mickey Aberman as v.p. administration, Iris Friedlander as recording secretary, Alan Resnik as financial secretary, and Steven Menaker as treasurer. We are grateful to them for their willingness to donate their time and energy for the benefit of Temple Beth El. Likewise, we applaud Doug Gentile and all the other outgoing officers who, with hard work and dedication, succeeded in pulling together the congregation during an especially difficult time.

Many other events are planned for June. Temple Beth El Sisterhood is alive and well and will prove it on Wednesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. when a noted astrologer will help Sisterhood members look into the future. On Friday, June 5, Temple Beth El and Temple Israel will hold a joint service in honor of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society, which will be hosted by students of the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte. On the following evening, June 6, our Temple will have its Confirmation Services. On June 7, the Social Club will have its annual fun/food/games picnic at Park Road Park.

The Ways & Means Committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction, which will be held on Saturday, June 27, at Lucielle's Vogue in Cotswold Mall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 per person ($3 for seniors and students), and tickets that are purchased in advance are worth $10 ($6 for seniors and students) toward auction purchases. In addition to the valuable prizes and services to be auctioned off, there will be a raffle for 2 American Airline Coach tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S.A.

Finally, we welcome our newest B'nai Mitzvah to our congregation: Daniel Gromet, Sarah Moore, Craig Kirsch, Jeremy Ordan and Katie Benfield. Congratulations to you and to your families on this important milestone.

Temple B'nai Sholem
New Bern, N.C.

by Carol Goldman

The months of March and April were very busy in our Temple B'nai Sholem and our Sisterhood and Hadassah.

In March we had a delightful covered dish supper at the home of Muriel and Lou Steinberg. On March 24 we had a mid-week service conducted by Rabbi David Rose. After the service an organ and flute concert was enjoyed by all.

The weekend of April 3-4 was Old Homes Tour in New Bern. Temple B'nai Sholem was on the tour since it is listed in the North Carolina Historical Archives.

On Friday, April 3, a lay service was conducted by Lou Steinberg. Following the service, the Pamlico Chorale gave an excellent recital.

A community Seder service and dinner were held Saturday, April 18.

Beth Israel Synagogue
Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

Rabbi Birnham offered two exciting classes that made a difference for our Passover experience. On April 5, the Rabbi shared with us scores of ideas to help our Sedarim (Seders) be more exciting and involving for children and adults. On April 7, he "talked and walked us through" all we needed to know about preparing our kitchen and self for Passover.

Rabbi Birnham wishes to give a big "Yashir Koach" to Barbara Miller, Laurie Chess, Debi Miles, Marina Fridlyand, the Religious School staff, and all the kids for making Purim so great!

Our Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat was May 29 and 30. This year, congregations and Jewish communities all around the world are commemorating the 500 years since the Expulsion from Spain. In keeping with this theme, Beth Israel Adult Education Committee asked Dr. Raymond Scheindlin, professor of medieval Hebrew literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, to be our Scholar-in-Residence for the year 1992. He spoke about the Golden Age of Spain, among other topics.

Those who recited the Haftarot during April were: April 4, Joe Gullotta, *Tazria, Rosh Chodesh;* April 11, Bob Deutsch, *Metzora, Shabbat Hagadol;* April 18, Dr. Marty Lee, *First Day of Pesach;* April 19, Yosi Knight, *Second Day of Pesach;* April 24, Dr. Norman Sollod, *Seventh Day of Pesach;* and April 25, Morris Tenenbaum, *Eighth Day of Pesach.*

Sisterhood Program

All women of Synagogue were invited to come to our Sisterhood program on April 26 and meet Dr. Ann Weber, social psychologist, who spoke on "Relationships and the Changing Role of Women," a subject of great interest to us all. Dr. Weber is a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Also a writer and researcher, she has authored two psychology texts and a scholarly book on relationship psychology. She focuses on relationship maintenance and coping with stress. A favorite technique is the use of narratives and stories as vehicles for meaning in individual and social life. Her biography includes a long list of education, academic honors, professional experience, teaching experience, publications, colloquia, editorial and review work, and grants awarded. Invitations to join in the program were extended to the ladies of Beth ha-Tephila, Hadassah, and the Jewish Community Center.

We would like to thank Shikie Frankel for his recent donation of the videotape, "The Golden Age of Second Avenue," to our Synagogue library. Also new in our library are the "Heritage" series of videos, and the videos, "Hot Bagels" and "The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt." These videos were donated to the library by the Adult Education Committee.

Three WLOS-TV staff members, including Darcel Grimes, went to

Israel to do a feature for the news broadcast. There were two special reports on their trip during Passover.

Mazel Tov to Julius and Phyllis Blum on the birth of a granddaughter, Brittany Serena Blum. She is the daughter of Robert and Dana Blum of San Francisco. We welcome our newest members, Mark and Carmina Shuman.

The Gift Shop had some beautiful new articles for Passover, such as Seder plates, matzah covers, Haggadahs, and other items. It was a most attractive assortment. There was also an excellent selection of candy—some of it from Israel.

On April 13, there was a "Last Lecture" series on the Last Words from Sh'ma to Ekhad at the Highsmith Center on the UNCA campus. The presenter was Dr. Rick Chess.

The Mitzvah Committee has continued to cook and take meals to Hospitality House. Thanks are due to Sally Katz, Rabbi and Sara Birnham, Caroline Manheimer, Maggie Rotman, the Deutsch family, and the Youth Group. Our congregation has made the commitment to feed the ten to fourteen people living there on the last Thursday of each month.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

A new spin on the group's monthly consideration of significant Jewish individuals and events was provided on April 7 when the life and thoughts of Spinoza were explored. After coffee, cake and a brief worship service came a cram course on this famous Dutch philosopher. Leah Karpen led the discussion.

The Sisterhood

What cooks these mortals be! The right stuff from some enchanted pots, pans and baking dishes graced the long tables in Unger Hall on March 27. That the Sabbath covered dish dinner was a success goes without saying. Liesel and Joe Sullivan coordinated the affair.

Joe Karpen volunteered to be an "angel" by covering extra costs incurred by the Temple for this dinner. Frank Gilreath contributed the Sabbath wine.

A Passover workshop for religious school parents was held on April 5 to review the history and customs of this holiday.

The Sisterhood again sponsored the Temple Seder celebration, held after Passover family twilight service on April 17. And again—how could it be otherwise—there were matza balls by Bob Janowitz. Well-attended and greatly enjoyed, this year's Seder was a worthy example for future ones to follow.

The Religious School

Additional thanks for the success of the 2nd annual dinner-theatre fundraiser on Feb. 19 went to the parent committee, which included Scott and Brenda Lebensburger, Jean Hansman, Barry and Betsy Kattel, Bill and Chris Lang, Frank and Ellen Gilreath, Susan Linn, Kerry Friedman, Ronnie Grant and Holly Hollifield.

Phyllis Bluming, religious school principal, noted in the Temple bulletin that the students and their teachers enjoyed a productive morning celebrating Purim on March 15. "The Megillah mural," she said, "which the students created that day, has been hanging in Unger Hall for all to see. We hope all parents and friends of our students will view it because it is a wonderful piece of children's art. Thank you. . .to Mrs. Anna Friedman who coordinated the Hamantaschen snack, all the bakers of Hamantaschen, Dr. David Katz who accompanied us on the piano during the song session, and all the parents who stayed to lend a hand and enjoy the morning with us."

The religious school students observed Passover on Sunday, April 12 with a model Seder. Thanks went to teacher/parent Jean Hansman and her co-worker Helaine Greene for coordinating all the Seder ingredients.

The Community Holocaust Service

On Wednesday evening, April 29, the community Holocaust service was held in the sanctuary of our Temple. The featured speaker was Dr. Ellison Jenkins, professor of religion at Mars Hill College. His topic was "What We Have Learned from the Holocaust."

Hadassah at Beth ha-Tephila

The women of the Asheville-Hendersonville Chapter of Hadassah presented a forum on breast cancer at the Temple on April 7. Admission was charged; proceeds went to the linen and supplies fund of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Phyllis Bluming was chairperson of the event.

Personals

Jasper-Frances Wedding Miami, Florida

Dr. Warren J. Jasper and Annette Frances will be married on June 21, 1992 at Temple Samu-El Or Olom in Miami, Fla.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matathias E. Frances of Miami. Miss Frances recently received her MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Jasper of Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Warren J. Jasper is assistant professor of textile engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

The couple will live in Chapel Hill.

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Organizations

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity First North Carolina Alumni Chapter Established

The Central Carolina Alumni Chapter of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity has recently been established in the Piedmont region of North Carolina.

The first general meeting will be a dinner on Saturday evening, June 6, at the Treyburn City Club in Durham, N.C. Installation of the following officers will take place: President, William Jasper DDS MPH; Vice President and President-Elect, Daniel Kolzet DMD MS; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Mark Kutcher DDS MS; Treasurer, Howard Shareff DDS.

Attending this meeting will be Atlanta dentists, Sidney Tourial, immediate past international president of Alpha Omega, and Ronald Wand, Alpha Omega District 17 regent, along with their wives.

For details of the dinner meeting, call Mark Kutcher at (919) 933-8089.

Alpha Omega is a non-sectarian international dental fraternity; its members (the majority of whom are Jewish) are selected on the basis of scholarship, character and leadership. The purposes to which the Fraternity is dedicated include:

- To be 'The Voice of the Jew' in Dentistry
- To be 'The Voice of Dentistry' in all matters dealing with the Jewish people
- To uphold the Image of the Jew in Dentistry
- To fight discrimination in:
 1. admissions to dental school
 2. the educational process of dentistry
 3. the graduation of dental students
 4. the dental licensing process
 5. organized dentistry
 6. the practice of Dentistry

Why a Jewish dental society?

Today's dentists and dental students enjoy professional freedom; unfortunately this was not always true. The aspirations for a career in dentistry were frequently hampered by discriminatory attitudes against minority groups at the graduate levels of education, most markedly at medical and dental schools. It became evident that to achieve equality at every level of dentistry would require the concerted effort by a unified group. In 1907 this need resulted in the formation of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity.

During the next 85 years, the Fraternity has grown until today its thousands of members practice all over the world and belong to over a hundred alumni and dental undergraduate chapters located in 12 countries and more than thirty dental schools in the U.S., Canada, Israel and South Africa. In the early sixties, as more women entered the profession, the Fraternity removed the word 'men' from its creed, constitution and by-laws and welcomed 'female fraters' into its ranks. Among its members are leaders of the profession in clinical dentistry, in dental education, dental research and in dental organizations.

The emergence of Israel following the devastation of the European Jewish community convinced the Fraternity's leadership to set a goal of raising $300,000 for the establishment of a dental school at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, located at the Ein Karem medical campus. The dental school was dedicated in 1954, and today the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, *founded by Alpha Omega,* serves as a major source for dental health and education in Israel. Out of the close ties interwoven with Israel's dentistry emerged Alpha Omega in Israel with alumni chapters in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Throughout its history the Fraternity has been concerned with and involved in numerous philanthropic projects. To coordinate these efforts and the required fund raising, the Fraternity created the ALPHA OMEGA FOUNDATION to collect and distribute contributions by individuals, chapters, and even interested non-members.

Since its inception millions of dollars have been collected and distributed to individuals, institutes and associations with accountability. In addition to the two Israeli dental schools, the Foundation helps to support: a) the sixty-five dental schools in the U.S. and Canada; b) dental clinics for the Jewish aged and disadvantaged; c) Foundation for Jewish Genetic Diseases; d) The United Jewish Appeal; e) The American and Canadian Funds for Dental Health; f) Eastman Dental Center; g) Russian Dental Retraining Program in Israel, direct response from a personal request from the late Prime Minister, Golda Meir; h) Maxillo-Facial Prosthetic Rehabilitation Program, of vital importance to the people of Israel; and i) other dental health programs around the world. In 1991 U.S. and Canadian Alpha Omega Foundations grants totalled $115,000 of which ninety percent was earmarked for Israel.

Alpha Omega's reputation as a bulwark against discrimination, as a family of devoted professionals, and as a dental society in constant pursuit of excellence has been upheld and advanced through the cooperative efforts of its total membership.

Additional information about the fraternity and details of membership are available from the Central Carolina Alumni Chapter Secretary, Dr. Mark Kutcher, 106 Porter Place, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514, (919) 933-8089.

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah held its annual Installation Luncheon on May 20 at Piper Glen Golf Club. The luncheon celebrated Hadassah's 80th anniversary.

Audrey Madans, a past president of Hadassah, installed the following officers for 1992-1993: Roz Cooper, president; Lynda White, president elect and programming v.p.; Marla

Brodsky and Ellen Dubin, membership v.ps.; Debbie Rosenberger and Susan Lepow, fundraising v.ps.; Nikki Levine and Denise Sussman, education v.ps.; Amy Lipson, communication v.p.; Jo Minchew and Johnnie Goldberg, corresponding secs.; Anne Brandt, recording sec.; Nancy Blacker, financial sec.; Roberta Monosoff, treasurer; Seena Binder and Ana Resnick, directory editors.

Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah announces that its 1992 TELEPHONE DIRECTORY is now available at $10 each. The directory may be purchased at these Charlotte locations: Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth El and Temple Israel, all at Shalom Park; Bagel Works, 4422 Colwick Road; Kosher Mart, 3824 E. Independence Blvd.; Phil's Deli, Cotswold Mall and Strawberry Hill.

Hadassah VIPs Learn 'The Power of One'

"The Power of One," the theme of Hadassah's National Organization Department leadership seminar in New York attracted more than 70 Hadassah region and big chapter presidents and organization and area vice presidents/advisors. Attending from the Southern Seaboard Region, covering North Carolina and Southern Virginia were Mrs. Noel Lichtin, organization vice president from Raleigh, N.C., and Mrs. Ronnie Mand, area vice president from Danville, Va.

"Throughout our 80-year history Hadassah has developed leadership skills in tens of thousands of women," said Deborah Kaplan, Hadassah national president. "Hadassah is a grassroots organization whose strength lies in the power of our community leaders."

During the all-day seminar, Hadassah's leaders learned ways to be proactive on issues facing today's women, and how they are empowered to effect change through motivation, outreach, and membership expansion. One session included an introduction to Hadassah's "Curriculum Watch" and "Media Monitoring," two programs that will enable each of Hadassah's chapters and groups to respond on a local level to anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric in textbooks and in the news.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., is the largest Jewish membership organization in the world with 1,500 chapters in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.



Hadassah (L. to R.): Ronnie Mand, area vice president, Danville, Va.; Noel Lichtin, organization vice president, Raleigh, N.C.

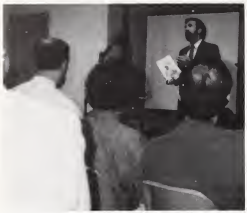
The Charlotte Jewish Preschool

by Linda Zucker

On April 14, parents of children preparing for kindergarten gained insight into the kindergarten classroom at a parenting workshop sponsored by The Charlotte Jewish Preschool. The facilitator of this workshop was Frank Simone. Mr. Simone is the acting assistant principal of Old Providence Elementary School and has eighteen years of teaching experience; fourteen of those years were spent in kindergarten classrooms in Charlotte and in New York.

Subjects addressed at the workshop were how to prepare children for kindergarten and what parents could expect from the kindergarten experience. Mr. Simone discussed with parents how Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools now take a developmental approach to education. He brought examples of work journals prepared by the children. Parents had many questions concerning the school system, and wondered what they could do to make their children's learning experience a positive one.

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Frank Simone speaks to parents at The Charlotte Jewish Preschool's Parenting Workshop.

Mr. Simone commented on the quality educaton provided by the Jewish Preschool, stating that after observing in the classrooms he could not imagine a more positive Preschool experience than the one provided here.

After the workshop, parents compared notes and socialized over coffee and cake making for an evening that was both enjoyable and informative.

Parents and friends of the Preschool attended the annual Social and Silent Auction held on May 2 to benefit the Preschool. The event took place at the historic Reed House in Matthews. Sixty-three local businesses donated merchandise and services for the auction ranging from jewelry to hotel accommodations. Others gave beverages, ice and flowers for the Social.

Temple Israel's Rabbi Scott White conducted the Havdalah service as we stood together on the lawn of the Reed House ending the Sabbath and starting a new week under the open sky.

The evening was a great success. Phil Joffe acted as M.C., entertaining us with his jokes and comments when bidding opened.

Many thanks to Kaye Yaffe who, as head of the Fund Raising Committee, worked tirelessly to organize this event. A thank-you also goes to Lori Danze for coordinating food for the Social and, of course, the many businesses and volunteers who made this year's Social and Auction so successful.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Teachers Appreciation Day

As the school year came to a close at Lubavitch Day School & Preschool, teachers were treated to a special luncheon in appreciation of their devoted efforts on behalf of their students.

The luncheon which was organized by parents of the school was a most beautiful way of saying thank you to the teachers. Fran Lyons headed the effort as chairperson of the event. Alison Roberts was in charge of the delicious lunch, and Tanda Rivkin was decorator.

Parents filled in as substitute teachers in order to allow teachers full appreciation of the luncheon. Parents also served a fancy meal that made each teacher feel like a princess. It was a delightful heartwarming gathering where teachers were recognized for their full value.

Jaynie Segal produced a wonderful video of precious moments at the school with lots of inspiring shots of the interaction of children and their teachers. The video brought tears to the eyes of the teachers as the precious scenes came across the screen. After the video presentation, the parents presented each teacher an assortment of useful gifts, including a copy of the video for her own use.

The event was a meaningful way of expressing a deep-felt thanks to the teachers and administration for a job well done at the school.

Shavuot

On Sunday, June 7, the first day of the Shavuot Festival, Lubavitch will host a Shavuot celebration, featuring the Ten Commandments. The celebration will be a combination of tradition, religion and delicious food.

Shavuot is one of the most important Jewish holidays in the year, since it marks the greatest event in Jewish history when the Jews received the Torah from G-d and made a firm commitment to G-d and to Israel.

Among the many traditions which commemorate this day is the special reading of the Ten Commandments in the Torah Scroll. The events leading up to the Ten Commandments are also read. This helps create the proper atmosphere as to the importance and the electricity of the event.

The event will include a special program for children who are an integral part of the holiday. Chanie Weiss will lead them on an exciting fantasy tour of Mount Sinai that will eventually bring them to the summit where they will find the Ten Commandments.

A dairy feast is planned for the day, including blintzes and New York-style cheesecake. The custom to eat dairy is as old a tradition as the Torah itself, when Kosher laws were introduced to the wandering Israelites in the Sinai



Parents who helped with Teachers' Luncheon (L. to R.): Sandy Rosenberg, Carola Swimmer, Correy Rosenberg, Fran Lyons and Janice Cantor.

desert. The Jews were not yet trained in Kosher rituals which gave them the only other alternative, dairy foods.

The Shavuot event will take place at the Chabad House in Charlotte.

Lag b'Omer School Picnic at Idlewild Park

Over two hundred and fifty family members and friends came together for a Lag b'Omer family picnic on May 21 at the Idlewild Park in East Charlotte.

The picnic gave parents a chance to reflect on the school year gone by, and to take pride in the many academic and social accomplishments of their children in the past nine and a half months. For the majority, this will be only a short break until school starts again in August. Fern Sanderson, Lubavitch School director, reports a major increase in enrollment for the school year, both in Day School and Preschool.

The picnic featured a cookout of Kosher franks with a variety of salads and other delicacies. While younger children enjoyed the multitude of playground equipment, parents were entertained by the older children with songs about the environment and Lag b'Omer.

Lag b'Omer is a tradition in Jewish history as it celebrates the anniversary of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai's day of ascending to heaven. This is also the day when the plague which afflicted the students of Rabbi Akivah came to a halt. In Israel, this day is celebrated with great fanfare and parades. Bonfires are lit all over the land and people dance to the early hours of morning.

Spring Semester in N.C. Hillel

by Hal Greenwald

Final exams have given the North Carolina Hillel community a chance to reflect on an outstanding and momentous semester.

Though Chai Week February 16-23 in some ways dominated the mood and flavor of the semester in Hillel, weekly and monthly events continued to be the "backbone" of the organization.

At UNC, Shabbat evening served the many needs of Jewish students by offering Reform and Conservative services, a hearty dinner and "Table Talks" after dinner, ranging from "Multiculturalism and the Jewish Student" to "Israel on Capitol Hill"; the year ended with a farewell ceremony to students and staff at the Seniors' Shabbat.

UNC Hillel's Mitzvah Corps continued its good work with bi-monthly visits to the local community kitchen and youth counseling at the Pritchard Park housing community. Through the Interfaith committee, Hillel was honored as "Ministry of the Month" in March, sponsoring an explanatory service and a lecture by a UNC professor on "The Jewish Jesus." The Tuesday Nite lecture series included an address by Atlanta's Israel Consul General Alon Liel as well as Duke's Dr. Irv Alexander on "The Jewish Soul of Sigmund Freud."

Social events had high priority for students at UNC Hillel. January featured Cafe Tel Aviv, a coffeehouse of singing and stand-up comedy. In March, students gathered for a "Mystery Mixer" while Jewish faculty joined Hillel for a picnic in Chapel Hill in April.

NC State Hillel was host to a number of events which brought Jewish students together in addition to monthly trips to UNC. In February Hillel's Rabbi Frank Fischer spoke to students about "The Lost Art of Ritual." March featured a reception for Alon Liel, Atlanta's Israel Consul General. In April, Hillel students joined students at the Baptist Center for a Model Seder led by Rabbi Fischer.

Regular programs at NC State included the weekly "Torah Talk" with Raleigh's Rabbi Pinchas Herman and monthly Shabbat evenings at Beth Meyer Synagogue.

Shabbat evenings and other programs have taken a new twist at Duke Hillel since the University made available a house at 311 Alexander St. The facility, located between East and West campus, has enlivened the program and brought new students into the fold. Reform and Conservative services are followed weekly by dinner.

In addition to their efforts in responding to the Holocaust "revisionist" ad in the *Duke Chronicle,* Duke Hillel students focused time and energy on bringing major speakers to campus. March brought Leon Bass, a black Holocaust liberator, and Prof. Michael Shalev who spoke on the Israeli elections. In April, author David Wyman spoke to a capacity University crowd on "America's Response to the Holocaust."

Hillel's expansion of services to Greensboro-area schools has also borne fruit. Program Liason Larry Bach has been organizing monthly events, including a meeting with Ecumenical Center organizer Gary Grandon at UNC-G and an address by Rabbi Fischer at Guilford college on "The Growing Trend toward Holocaust Denial."

Chai Week festivities took the campuses of Duke and Carolina by storm in mid-February. This week-long celebration of Jewish art, culture and religion propelled Hillel onto the centerstage of campus activities and brought renewed interest from Jews and non-Jews alike.

On display for the month at the UNC Davis Library was a pictorial history of the Jews of North Carolina. The week featured guest lectures by survivor Robert Clary, Rep. Martin Frost (D-Texas), Interfaith expert Rachel Cowan, and Rabbi Tuvia Singer of Jews for Judaism. In between,

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the campus was educated by explanatory services, basic Judaism courses and a Shabbat of Kabbalah.

Serving as the week's centerpiece activity was David Broza, the internationally acclaimed Israeli singer. Broza entertained 150 students and community members with his unique blend of Hebrew, English and Spanish in a very spirited performance, capping a banner week for the Jewish students of North Carolina Hillel.

Hillel ends the 1991-92 year on a very high note. At UNC, President David Kessel attracted a record number of freshmen to the program through monthly letters and formation of the "Whip Committee," an all-freshman task force. This committee co-sponsored a forum with UNC Student Affairs entitled "Operation Education: The Holocaust Then and Now." Plans for the fall include a symposium on Bio-Ethics and a state-wide retreat.

The foundation wishes best luck to Program Director Hal Greenwald, who leaves North Carolina after two years to spend a year in Israel.

Hillel Activities at Clemson University Clemson, S.C.

by Dr. Richard Klein
Faculty Advisor

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization at Clemson University was busy during the 1991-1992 academic year with a variety of activities. Some of the ventures of the group are described below.

The Organization started the season with a "Welcome Back" cookout at the home of Kimberly Ott on Sept. 1. More than 18 students attended this afternoon of grilled hamburgers, socializing and fun.

On Oct. 1, the group held its first Pizza Party of the year. More than 20 students came to this evening of pizza and fellowship held at a local pizza parlor. This was a great turnout, considering the fact that this number represented about one third of the *known* Jewish students at Clemson.

Nov. 3 was the first Bagel Brunch of



Hillel students at Bagel Brunch at the Klein residence, (L. to R.) Richard Rachima, Greenville, S.C.; Steven Glickman, Rockville, Md.; Tamar Berkowitz, Boston, Mass.; Kimberly Ott, Greenville, S.C.

the year at the home of Richard and Joyce Fishman Klein. The program was entitled "Questions Your Christian Friends Most Frequently Ask About Judaism—And How to Answer Them." Joyce Klein conducted the session because she has made many presentations in local churches on "Judaism and Christianity—Similarities and Differences" and has an extensive Judaica background. The twelve students who attended asked incisive questions and the meeting was lively and interesting.

The first activity of the Spring 1992 semester was a Pizza Party which was held on Jan. 21. Eighteen students shared this experience.

The next activity was a Pool (Billiard) Party held on Feb. 3 at a local billiard parlor. At this event, the Hillel students presented Dr. and Mrs. Klein with a very beautiful engraved plaque thanking them for their "outstanding support, dedication and devotion to Jewish Students at Clemson University." Eleven students attended this event.

The Spring Bagel Brunch was held at the home of Richard and Joyce Klein on March 1. The program featured Father Joseph Ciccone, CSP, who spoke on "Dialogue on Christian-Jewish Relations from a Christian Perspective." Father Joe is responsible for the Catholic Student Organizations throughout the State of South Carolina. A personal friend of Dr. and Mrs. Klein, Father Joe rearranged his schedule of Catholic Masses in order to visit with the Hillel students. The session was very memorable and fascinating for the eleven students who came, asked questions and otherwise conversed with Father Joe. As with all our other brunches, the food was delicious and was prepared by members of the Clemson Hillel Ladies Auxiliary which includes Mrs. Hilda Golden, Mrs. Martha Rader, Mrs. Elinor Baron and Mrs. Joyce Klein amongst others.

On April 2, seven members of the Hillel Student Organization participated along with more than fifty other Clemson students in a Model Seder at St. Andrews Catholic Church. The Seder, sponsored by the Clemson Campus Ministers Association, was conducted by Joyce Fishman Klein. Other participating student groups included the Baptist Student Union, the Catholic Student Organization, the Presbyterian Student Association, and the Wesley Foundation (Methodist) plus their respective clergy. The Model Seder was a tremendous success and fostered fellowship and understanding at Clemson. To give one an idea about the interfaith community at Clemson, it is interesting to report that the *haroseth* for the Model Seder was made the night before at the Klein's residence. Participating in making the *haroseth* and baking Passover cookies along with Joyce Klein were the student hospitality chairperson of the Catholic Student Organization, the assistant director of the Presbyterian Student Association, and the son of the local Presbyterian Minister. The Haggadahs that were used were written by the Anti-Defamation League of Chicago along with the Archdiocese of Chicago, and they were borrowed from the local Episcopalian Church in Clemson. It was a very memorable experience of sharing for *all* who participated.

The last regular activity of the 1991-1992 academic year was attendance at the catered Community Passover



Clemson Hillel students at the Model Seder at St. Andrews Catholic Church, (L. to R.) Jason Foodman, Charlotte, N.C.; Kimberly Ott, Greenville, S.C.; Shawn Cherndler, Long Island, New York.

Seder at Congregation Beth Israel in Greenville. Jewish students at Clemson University are annually invited to attend as guests of the congregation. The five students who attended wore their distinctive orange kipas (yarmulkes). While some students went home or had "home hospitality" for Seders, others who had met at Hillel formed and conducted two separate Seders—one set was graduate students and the other was four "sorority sisters."

On May 8, Rabbi Jodie Futornick of Congregation Beth Israel in Greenville gave the Invocation and Benediction at the Clemson University Commencement Exercises. It was the first time that a Conservative or female Rabbi was the presiding clergy for a graduation. In May 1986, Rabbi James Cohn of the Temple of Israel (Reform Congregation in Greenville) was the first rabbi to address a Clemson graduation.

President of the Faculty Senate at Clemson for 1992-1993 is Dr. William Baron, a member of the Faculty Advisory Board of the Clemson Hillel and a member of Beth Israel Synagogue.

The officers for the Clemson Hillel for the 1991-1992 academic year were: Richard Rachima, president; Kimberly Ott, vice president; David Wolf, secretary; Steven Glickman, treasurer; and Jason Foodman, interfaith relations. The students are looking forward to a successful 1992-1993 academic year.

CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

June, 1992
Iyar 5752

Dear CAJE Members & Friends
of Jewish Education,

It is time to renew your partnership for the 1992-93 school year with the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas.

As we go forward into our tenth year of service to the Jewish communities of the Carolinas, we anticipate being able to provide you with an even more varied range of services and programs in the new year. Your support of our cooperative network enables CAJE to meet and serve your Jewish educational needs.

Below is your 1992-93 CAJE Membership Application. Please return the **application with a check on or before July 1, 1992.** The CAJE membership year is from July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993.

We encourage individual/family membership at the various levels, for those involved with Jewish education professionally, as well as members of the community at large.

CAJE is a project of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men (CAJWM), and is funded through grants from the CAJWM, the Blumenthal Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation, the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation, and is supported by member fees.

B'shalom,

Lenora Stein
Executive Director

CAJE Announces Winners of the 1992/5752 Creative Project of the Year Awards

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas, based in Charlotte, is pleased to annouce the award winners of its 5th Annual statewide "Creative Project of the Year" awards competition—a year-long contest to reward Jewish teachers in congregational religious schools for their successful contributions to creative Jewish teaching. Cash prizes of $50, $36, $25 and $18, respectively, were awarded to the four top prize winners:

FIRST PLACE: Michele Pas, Hudi Gross, Sharon Halperin, Debbie Berman, **Beth El Religious School, Durham, N.C.,** "Shabbat Portfolio-third grade & Prayer Portfolio—fourth grade."

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SECOND PLACE: Roz Cooper, **Temple Israel Religious School, Charlotte, N.C.,** "The Great Chanukah Spin-Off."

THIRD PLACE: Sam Eneman, **Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies, Charlotte, N.C.,** "Family History Video Project."

FOURTH PLACE: Joel Goldman, **Temple Beth El Religious School, Charlotte, N.C.,** "History of Spanish Jewry Mini-unit."

HONORABLE MENTION certificates were awarded to the following:

Temple Israel Religious School, Charlotte, N.C.: Wendy Rosen, "Dough Mezzuzah"; Ellen Dubin, "Shabbat Hands-On"; "From Babylonia to the Crusades History Project"; "Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project"; Roz Cooper, "Purim Seudah"; Wendy Rosen & Cheri Titlebaum, "Clay Havdalah Set."

Consolidated High School, Charlotte, N.C.:Sue Brodsky, Roz Cooper & Joel Goldman, "Madrikhim Workshop"; Vicki Neumann, "Print Making."

Temple Emanuel Religious School, Greensboro, N.C.: Cheryl Greenberg, "Torch Run: A Chanukah Trivia Game"; Phyllis Klein, "Aron HaKodesh."

Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Religious School, Charleston, S.C.: Carolee Fox, "Snoopy & the Great Organ Controversy—a 2 Act Sesquicentennial Play."

B'nai Israel Synagogue, Wilmington, N.C.: Rabbi Robert Waxman, "Creative Approach to the Shabbat Mincha Bar/Bat Mitzvah."

Projects were judged on their Judaic content, replicability, age appropriateness, completeness, overall presentation and of course, creativity.

All project entries become a part of the CAJE Resource Center permanent curriculum bank. In addition, copies of all projects will be published in the *1992/5752 CAJE Creative Project of the Year Idea Book* during the summer, 1992. For more information, call or write CAJE at: Carolina Agency for Jewish Education, P.O. Box 13574, Charlotte, N.C. 28270, (704) 366-5007.

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"Make It & Take It"—a hands-on workshop, creating games and instructional materials for the Jewish classroom, preschool through high school. (2 hours, 20 participants minimum)



"Made for Media—Using & Creating Audiovisual Materials in the Jewish Classroom"—a hands-on workshop for teachers to learn how to maximize multi-media capabilities in their classroom. Videotape and slide program will be emphasized, for preschool through high school. (2 hours) Here, Sam Eneman instructs teachers on how to use effectively a camcorder in the Jewish classroom.



Books, Arts and Media



CORRECTION

We thank Casper Berger of Fayetteville, N.C., for reminding us that our quotation in review of *Divided We Fall* by Phillip Perlmutter in our May issue (page 20) was originally declared by Benjamin Franklin to John Hancock at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and that the full and correct quotation is, "We must all hang together or assuredly we shall all hang separately." It's good to have the opportunity to repeat it once again.

Documentary on "Hidden Child" Emory University Atlanta, Ga.

"Candles of Humanity," a documentary on the "hidden child," seeks to interview Jewish adults in the southeast hidden as children from the Nazis during World War II. Produced in cooperation with the Fred Roberts Crawford Witness to the Holocaust Project of Emory University, all video interviews will be donated to the archives of the Emory University Project.

"The 'hidden child' offers a unique perspective on this bleak event of history. As a member of the last eye witness generation, the recollections of these special people offer an opportunity to explore numerous life-affecting, religious and social issues," remarked Lynne Hoffman Keating, executive producer, who has been associated with the Emory project since 1978.

"A generation of Jewish children disappeared in the Holocaust. Most of the children saved had been in hiding. The children who were reunited with their families, loved ones or friends often suffered silent burdens of ambivalence, conflict, fear and guilt."

"Candles of Humanity" seeks to celebrate the blessings of courage and life rooted in the hidden child's survival. But the documentary will also explore the life-long effect of the trauma of abandonment, living in terror of discovery and the psychological impact of prejudice."

Lynne Hoffman Keating also co-produced, wrote and directed "Currents of Courage," a 16mm documentary on Dr. Crawford's work in human rights.

Anyone interested in being interviewed should write "Candles," P.O. Box 125, Decatur, Ga. 30031.

The Tree Still Stands: A Novel of Rescue and Resistance

by Mae Briskin
W. W. Norton & Co. 256 pp. $18.95 paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Between the ages of seven and twelve, Ruth Levy fled with her parents, grandmother, sister and brothers from Poland to France to Italy, as the Nazi terror swept across Europe. In *The Tree Still Stands,* she relates the story that remains vividly in her memory now, in Palo Alto, California.

Mae Briskin is the author, and although the book is written as a novel, the history is factual. To say the narration is beautiful is an understatement. Reliving the Holocaust is always severely painful, and it usually excites extreme anger in me. Somehow, the goodness in people is emphasized so greatly in this book, that it left me with appreciation of the nobility and sacrifice of people, and of the risk they assumed to help the victims.

In France, there were some French people who tried to protect Jews, first threatened by the occupying Nazis, later by the Vichy government. Mostly Jews were helped by the Italian army, who occupied a portion of France early in the war. Even Mussolini in Italy had given orders to protect Jews. Always there was more peril for foreigners than for Jewish citizens of France. Finally, no one was safe.

When the possibility of hiding in France ended, tens of thousands made their arduous way across the Alps into Italy. The family of *The Tree Still Stands* made it with the help of a soldier of the Italian army who took them to the home of his aristocratic family.

Some of the Levy family joined the resistance, acting bravely in great danger. The Roman Catholic priests and nuns, together with countless "Righteous Gentiles," saved many. It seemed there was always one more selfless individual or religious sanctuary to shelter one whose previous hiding place became unsafe.

This family learned French while in France, then Italian when in Italy, summoning all the bravery, intelligence and wit that served in the end to preserve most of them.

The story is particularly meaningful to me, having lived through the war years and not many years later visiting both France and Italy and learning bits of the experiences of people in those countries. We returned repeatedly to Italy, not only for the culture of the country, but sensing the degree of civilization of Italians and believing that their character was such as is described of many of them in this book.

Catholics in Italy were not and are not now like some in Germany, Poland and other countries of Eastern Europe. Whether or not they are religiously observant, and many are but minimally so, they represent the best that Christianity teaches. Having lived in Italy since the expulsion from Spain in 1492, most Jews there have Italian names and have become acculturated enough so that they have lived unmolested for centuries. The ghetto years were not easy, but they were not life-threatening.

Mae Briskin won the PEN Center USA West Award for short fiction and four more PEN awards. Her work has appeared in Best American Short Stories and other magazines and newspapers.

It is a book to read to the end without stopping, so compelling is the story. If a tale of unbelievable cruelty can warm the heart, this is it.

Saving Remnants: Feeling Jewish in America

by Sara Bershtel and Allen Graubard
Free Press 333 pp. $24.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

For ten years, Sara Bershtel and Allen Graubard, who earned Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University, interviewed hundreds of American Jews. *Saving Remnants* describes the Jewishness of each of them, reflecting a variety of convictions and behavior from extreme Orthodoxy to completely liberated independence.

At the outset, it must be noted that the changes which have affected Jews in America have affected all groups in all denominations. In the mainstream today, Jewish values and perceptions are hardly distinctive. Except for the fact that many Jews prefer to associate with other Jews, their experiences are not very different from those of other Americans.

Between each other, the meaning of Judaism to Jews differs greatly. To some, Judaism is nostalgia; many feel themselves linked with a people, without the religion. Some are mainly proud to be Jews, and many thrive on the fact that Maimonides was a Jew, without knowing what he thought. Jews may be approving of everything that is Jewish, never entertaining any criticism.

Remembrance of the Holocaust has become central to a great number of American Jews, but it can be argued that is not a substitute for religion. Then there is Zionism, dating back into the 19th century in Europe, which served as the entire content of Judaism for many enthusiasts.

Quoting from Howard Sachar's assessment of Israel's meaning in the American Jewish community in 1957, the authors include one paragraph, which states in part, "The doughty and courageous little state was more than a source of pride to American Jews, more even than a source of status and self respect. It was also an inspiration for uninhibited Jewish identification, for increased interest in Jewish history and folklore, for creativity in Jewish literature, music and art."

With the rebirth of the State of Israel came the revival of the Hebrew language. Israel itself provides the content for Jewish life in the diaspora, without the need for knowledge of Judaism, which was part of the Zionist dream.

All of the above, to say nothing of religion, plus many more ways of identifying as Jews are depicted in *Saving Remnants*. Yet, statistics show there is general decline in membership in all Jewish organizations, despite pockets of energy and vitality.

From Ultra-Orthodox, Modern Orthodox, through the branches of Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements, into the Havurot and New Age Judaism and various and sundry liberal groups that create "Do It Yourself" rituals, Jews and converts to Judaism are moving wherever the spirit moves them. There is a strong revival of the Hasidim and a curious interest in Jewish mysticism, sometimes combined with mysticisms of the Far East. Let us not overlook the Jewish Feminists, who are making their revolution inside the Jewish tradition.

What does it all mean? Bershtel and Graubard summarize by saying we in America may now live comfortably with whatever Judaism we may fashion. "Jews in America today are a people not 'chosen' but choosing. This is true for the least affiliated as well as the most observant."

There is comfort in their prediction that there can be no return from our option to choose. It reminds me of Bishop Spong's *Rescuing the Bible*. Religion, to survive, needs interpretation in each place and time.

The Seven Deadly Sins: Jewish Christian and Classical Reflections on Human Nature

by Solomon Schimmel
Free Press 298 pp. $22.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Civilization is fragile, seeming often to verge on the brink of barbarism. Restraining influences are, alas, too often ignored.

In *The Seven Deadly Sins*, Solomon Schimmel argues that the great traditions of the Western religions and the Greek and Roman philosophers all agree that we can be happy only by exercising self-control, the virtue that is the opposite of sin.

The first chapter, "The Persistence of Sin," is prefaced by this quotation from William James in his *Principles of Psychology:* "The hell to be endured hereafter, of which theology tells, is no worse than the hell we make for ourselves in this world by habitually fashioning our characters in the wrong way."

The author's reason for writing this book is so that we may learn from moralists what is useful for all who wish to lead better lives, morally and emotionally, with the aim of improving ourselves and helping others to do the same. Although in our time people seek happiness as their prime goal, the means of achieving it rarely are successful.

In disregarding the teachings of traditional morals, even the wisdom of our great literary figures is neglected. Schimmel quotes widely from sages such as Shakespeare, Milton and more recent thinkers.

Problems are seldom solved through resorting to ethics of religious faiths. Instead, people with problems take them to psychologists who are often secular people, or to therapy in groups which sympathize and try to make people feel good about themselves. The author calls for a set of standards to be established by such therapists, with morals which benefit society.

One chapter is devoted to each of the traditional seven deadly sins in their analysis, and discussion of the

opposition virtue is added. Comparisons are made between the attitudes of the various western traditions. It is interesting that Schimmel finds Catholicism and Judaism more nearly in agreement than either of them to the Protestant faiths, which often, but not always, leave solutions to God in a theory of determinism which hardly relies on the concept of free will.

Solomon Schimmel is professor of Jewish education and psychology at Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass., and is a practicing psychologist. In reading *The Seven Deadly Sins*, which is a moral lesson on restraining our impulses towards them, I found, infrequently mentioned now, the terms of humility and gratitude. Think how rarely those are mentioned by today's writers or philosophers.

The wide array of New Age therapies to which our contemporaries resort are obviously failing to satisfy or understand the problems we confront in our communities. Happiness, the wisdom of the ages tells us, can be achieved only in the exercise of self-control; that is, virtue and, I would add, a value system which is not based on selfishness. Simply put, we must be good in order to be happy.

Reading *The Seven Deadly Sins* will benefit any reader who strives to benefit himself and his community. It is an invitation to self-scrutiny and encourages an honest effort to character improvement.

Deena the Damselfly

by Steven M. Rosman
Illustrated by Giora Carmi
UAHC Press 31 pp. $10.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Deena, a damselfly nymph, vows to solve the mystery of why the older nymphs are disappearing when they reach maturity, but she is not prepared for her own startling transformation.

The tale is short and beautifully worded. Each page has an accompanying illustration of more than a full page, leading from the portion of the story. The art is full of splendor, truly fascinating. The artist, Israeli-born Giora Carmi, is a graduate of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, and has illustrated more than 20 children's books.

The author, Steven M. Rosman, is rabbi of the Jewish Family Congregation in South Salem, N.Y. He is also a storyteller and lecturer and is author of *Sidrah Stories: A Torah Companion.*

Deena the Damselfly is a parable about life and transformations. It is recommended for ages 5 to 8.

Joshua's Dream: A Journey to the Land of Israel

by Sheila F. Segal
UAHC Press 26 pp. $10.95

The *Near East Report* called *Joshua's Dream* "the best children's book. . .about Israel." Recommended for children of 5 to 8 years, it is a story about the miracle of Zionism in the lives of one family, to which young Joshua belonged.

Inspired by his family's interest in Zionism, he learned the story of Zionism, and when he went with his parents to visit, he planted a tiny Jerusalem pine with his own hands.

Sheila F. Segal, the author, writes books of Jewish interest for children and adults. Her own son's first experience in Israel was the basis of this book.

Joshua's Dream is illustrated realistically by Joel Iskowitz, showing pioneers and scenery, as well as Joshua and the little pine tree. UAHC Press is located at 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021, phone (212) 249-0100.



Russian dental technicians at Hadassah College of Technology in Jerusalem.

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Brazilian Bishops, Rabbi Sobel reported.

"We have been relatively successful in our interfaith efforts," he said. "Working in close collaboration with the Catholic hierarchy has helped eradicate seeds of prejudice on the continent. Through the Bishops Conference we have published and distributed a 'Guidebook for Catholic-Jewish Dialogue' to all the dioceses and archdioceses throughout the country. We also have succeeded in eliminating anti-Jewish references from all Catholic textbooks used in Brazilian schools.

Oswego Safe Haven Museum in New York

by Willard C. Schrum and Sanford Resnick

The organizers of Oswego's Safe Haven Museum, which commemorates the nearly 1,000 refugees who were given safe haven at Fort Ontario, Oswego, N.Y., during WWII, thought it was important to give you an update on the project. We are also requesting your assistance to expand our contact list.

The committee continues to proceed in spite of not receiving a New York State grant for the second phase of construction. The following subcommittees have been formed to keep the project moving forward: Building, Public Relations, Exhibits, Finance, Collections/Acquisitions.

We recognize that there are many people and organizations that are not aware of this undertaking. It is important for us to communicate with all who may have an interest. The greater the outreach the better the chances of receiving information, artifacts, financial support or satisfying other needs as they arise.

If you can identify relatives and friends of those who resided at the Fort Ontario encampment or organizations that would have an interest, please write to Safe Haven Committee, R.D. #3 Box 62, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

Intermarriage

CJF Publishes Proceedings of General Assembly Symposium on Intermarriage and Jewish Continuity

The "Proceedings of the Symposium on Intermarriage and Jewish Continuity," which was held at the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Baltimore last November, are now available to the general public.

The Symposium was held as a response to the CJF 1990 Jewish Population Survey, published in June 1991, which provided details of how a significant segment of America's Jewish population is losing Jewish identity under a tide of intermarriage and assimilation.

The all-day Symposium brought together 220 lay leaders and professionals from the Jewish community nationwide. They reached a consensus that immediate involvement by the entire Jewish community is necessary to reverse the ever-worsening demographic trends.

The proceedings include the following presentations:

- "The Critical Issues of the 1990's," by Linda Cornell Weinstein, Symposium Co-Chairman and Immediate Past President of the Jewish Community Federation of Rochester;
- "Jewish Continuity in an Age of Intermarriage," by Professor Egon Mayer of Brooklyn College;
- "The Issues from an Individual Viewpoint," by Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Director, Jewish Life Programs, the Nathan Cummings Foundation;
- "Outreach, Intermarriage and Jewish Continuity: Toward a New Synagogue-Federation Partnership," by Rabbi Lavey Derby, Director, Council on Jewish Life, Jewish Federation of Los Angeles;
- "Policy Considerations for Federations and Their Constituents to Initiate Community Action," by David G. Sacks, Symposium Co-Chairman and President of UJA-Federation of New York;
- "Implications of Intermarriage for Jewish Family Services," by Dr. Mark S. Salisch, President, Association for Jewish Family and Children's Agencies;
- "Implications of Intermarriage for Jewish Community Centers," by Rosanne Levitt, Director, Interfaith Connection, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco;
- "Implications of Intermarriage for Jewish Education," by Rabbi Arthur Vernon, Director, Educational Resources and Services, Jewish Education Service of North America;
- "Summation: What Actions Need to Be Taken to Meet Challenges of the 1990's," by Helene Berger of Miami, Chairman of the CJF Committee of Community Planning.

The proceedings also included a summation of breakout sessions; a briefing paper on intermarriage by Barbara S. Hoenig, staff consultant in community planning at CJF, and a selected bibliography.

The Symposium was organized by the CJF Planning and Resource Development Department.

The volume is available from the Publications Department, Council of Jewish Federations, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003-9596. The cost is $5. A second volume of supplementary readings on intermarriage and Jewish continuity is available for $3.

Mingled Roots: A Guide to Interfaith Grandparenting

By Sunie Levin

B'nai B'rith Women 83 pp. $13.95

B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) introduced a new book *Mingled Roots: A Guide to Interfaith Grandparenting* at its 1992 biennial convention in Chicago. The book, commissioned by BBW and written by grandparenting expert Sunie Levin, is designed to help Jewish grandparents build positive relationships with their grandchildren who are being raised in an interfaith household and teach them about their Jewish heritage.

Levin, who holds degrees in psychology and education, wrote two previous books on grandparenting, *Grandparents Little Dividends*, and *Your Grandchildren: Special Ways to Keep in Touch.* She also edits a grandparents' newsletter and leads seminars and workshops around the country on effective grandparenting. She is contributing editor to *Grandparent* and *Child* magazines.

In introducing *Mingled Roots*, BBW President Joan Kort noted that "more than one-half of Jews married since 1985 married non-Jews, and of those marriages, only 28 percent of the children are being raised Jewish. A 1990 survey conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations revealed that more than 600,000 children are growing up in interfaith households. Many of those children have Jewish grandparents who are eager to pass on the values and traditions of Jewish life in a sensitive manner without offending a non-Jewish son- or daughter-in-law."

Mingled Roots is the first book to focus specifically on grandparenting to interfaith grandchildren. Its publication is one of many outreach efforts by B'nai B'rith Women to help interfaith families cope with the pressures facing them from their families and from society. It is available from B'nai B'rith Women for $13.95. To order, call (202) 857-1370, or write to BBW Public Affairs Department, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20036.

AJC Leader Calls for Multi-Faceted Approach to Preserving Jewish Continuity

Intermarriage prevention, conversion of the non-Jewish spouse and continued outreach to mixed-marrieds are all important parts of seeking to preserve Jewish identity and continuity. Equally critical, however, is the promotion of Jewish ideology; namely, exploring who we are as Jews and why we choose to lead a Jewish life.

This according to Dr. Steven Bayme, director of Jewish Commun-

al Affairs for the American Jewish Committee. Dr. Bayme spoke on *"Communal Policy and Jewish Continuity: Future Guidelines and Directions"* at the Association for Demographic Policy of the Jewish People at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem.

Dr. Bayme noted that while there are areas of consensus between those who advocate intermarriage prevention and those who advocate outreach to mixed-married couples, they disagree on the questions of policy priority and emphasis and on the larger cultural question of what message to send to the Jewish community.

"Traditionalists argue that a strategy of outreach alone would amount to declaring intermarriage to be perfectly normative and acceptable for American Jews. Dropping a language of constraint and endogamy would, in the long run, increase the intermarriage rate even more and thereby effectively consign American Jewry to oblivion. Liberals frequently counter that prevention strategies have been futile, continued emphasis on prevention may make it impossible to reach out to intermarried couples, and therefore the emphasis and focus should underscore outreach," he said.

Dr. Bayme asserted that it is vital for any policy to take into account scientific data on the subject of intermarriage which offers no evidence that Jewish identity is preserved within mixed-married homes in the second and third generations. He also stressed the need to be realistic, since Jewish communal resources are limited. He suggested a multi-track and nuanced policy, such as the one adopted by the American Jewish Committee, that would emphasize intermarriage prevention, conversion, *and* continued outreach.

Enrich Jewish Life

"A strategy of prevention will require diverse elements," he stated. "It means enriching Jewish life generally to the point that a Jewish community is sufficiently attractive so that few will wish to leave it and others will wish to join. It means providing intensive Jewish experiences to all Jews so they may perceive the riches and joys of leading a Jewish life and wish to build such a life for their families. . . Clearly the future vitality of Diaspora Jewry will rest in the hands of those most committed to leading a Jewish life. Investment in mixed-marrieds should not come at the expense of efforts to strengthen the core Jewish population.

Encourage Conversion

"Conversion means encouraging those factors that will lead to the conversion of the non-Jewish spouse. The community should address those factors that seem to send out negative messages regarding conversion in the Jewish community, including the absence of a uniform conversion procedure acceptable to all the religious movements. More generally, the Jewish community would do well to acknowledge its traditional value and teaching that no distinction can be made between one who is born a Jew and one who has chosen to join the Jewish people.

Continue Outreach

"A strategy of outreach means continued dialogue with mixed-married couples. However, to be effective outreach must be both properly targeted and qualified. We need to identify those populations where outreach is likely to have an impact and do the most good. Outreach must also be properly qualified by clear statements of Jewish values underscoring communal preferences for marriage with other Jews. Failure to do so, in the name of tolerance and not wanting to alienate people, will succeed only in creating a climate in which it is impossible to discourage interfaith marriage."

Dr. Bayme went on to call for an even larger and overarching strategy which would include rehabilitating the role of ideology in Jewish life.

"To be sure, ideology is rarely a popular subject," he said. "For one thing, it is divisive among Jews. But what makes the Jewish community distinctive are the ideals and principles it espouses. No generation of Jewish leaders has failed to resist intermarriage. Raising endogamy to a clearly articulated value of the American Jewish community will go a long way towards clarifying what it is we believe in and why we choose to continue as Jews."

Dr. Bayme concluded: "Jewish religious and communal leaders must be empowered to speak a language of norms, expectations, values and commitments to leading a Jewish life. Absent these, we are at best talking about a Judaism that is bland and empty of content. Clearly stating what we are, what we believe in, and why we choose to be Jews may well alienate many who do not share those values. Hopefully, it will also inspire others that leading a Jewish life means something and stands for concrete principles with which people can identify. In this respect, ideology can address not the symptoms of intermarriage but the underlying causes, namely the weakness of commitment to leading a Jewish life.

"Strengthening the ideological commitments, like strengthening outreach, will never be a panacea. However, a serious effort to ensure Jewish continuity will have to operate on multiple fronts—preserve those as Jews who are preservable and simultaneously enhance those who hold out the promise of leading creative and vibrant Jewish lives."



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Federations Urged to Fund Synagogue Programs Fostering Jewish Continuity

The president of Boston's major Jewish philanthropy called on Jewish federations and synagogues to pool their resources and energies in a nationwide effort to infuse American Jews with a renewed sense of Jewish identity and community.

Barry Shrage, who heads the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, told national leaders of Reform Judaism, meeting in Minneapolis in May, that "a new communal covenant" between local Jewish federations and congregations was needed "to maintain Jewish continuity in the face of a tidal wave of intermarriage."

In his address to the national board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), Mr. Shrage proposed a national plan "to provide every Jewish family and child with the resources to lead a full, rich Jewish life" as "the highest priority of our federations—a priority that must be implemented through a new relationship with our congregational movements."

Schindler: 'The Time Is Ripe'

His call was strongly endorsed by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the UAHC, who said "the time is ripe to establish bonds of interdependence, mutual support and ongoing presence between Jewish federations and synagogue movements." Rabbi Schindler added:

"Our so-called secular and religious communities have been apart in a cordial but distant relationship. The new realities of American Jewry demand that bridges be built between these parallel streams of Jewish life."

In addressing the semi-annual meeting of the UAHC trustees, at which board chairman Melvin Merians presided, Mr. Shrage said federation resources should be focused on "moderately-affiliated Jews, mixed-marrieds or in-married, and 'gateway' institutions—primarily synagogues."

Synagogues, he said, "are our most broadly based communal institutions, involving far more young Jewish families than any other Jewish organization and probably more than all of our other institutions combined." Mr. Shrage continued.:

"Federations simply cannot deal with the challenge of Jewish continuity without taking advantage of the opportunity for intensifying the affiliation process among Jews passing through the most critical gateway to Jewish life—the synagogue. Congregations must therefore move from the periphery of federation concern to a far more central position.

"Only through the development of closer ties and funding relationships between congregations and federations can we hope to maximize the potential of the congregations for all Jewish families—in-married and mixed-married alike."

A Strategy for Strengthening the Jewishness of Families

Specifically, Mr. Shrage proposed that federations "help provide the resources needed by congregations for personal contact with each incoming family, a required in-depth interview, a personalized 'contract' and a family education program that fits each family's own lifestyle."

"In this way, he said, "the community can help strengthen the critical link between families and congregations and help parents recognize that raising a Jewish child may require an increased commitment to and an understanding of Jewish life, religion and culture."

The Vital Teen Years

After the need to involve young parents, Mr. Shrage said, "the next most important transitional moment in Jewish life occurs during the teen years." He added:

"Here again the congregational setting can provide very effective environments for experiencing Jewish life and for cognitive Jewish learning through retreat programs, intensive Jewish summer camping, youth group activities and trips to Israel.

"Simply put," he said, "I believe federations should set a relatively simple and concrete series of policy objectives—an educational trip to Israel for every American Jewish teen, an intensive Jewish camping/retreat program for every American Jewish teen and a Jewish youth group experience for every American Jewish teen."

Calling for federations to strengthen their relationships with synagogues as a "high priority communal policy," the Boston Jewish leader asserted: "Congregations are our most broadly-based communal institutions, involving far more young Jewish families than any other Jewish organization and probably more than all of our other institutions combined.

"Most importantly," he said, "congregations and their national movements are uniquely positioned to strengthen and integrate all of the experiences most likely to impact Jewish identity and Jewish living. They are the primary 'gateways' for young Jewish families.

"Federations must provide the resources congregations need to reinvent themselves to meet the challenges of the very complex Jewish world revealed in the 1990 Jewish population study."

The Price of Passion

Welcoming Mr. Shrage's proposal, Rabbi Schindler cautioned that in extending their support to synagogues, federations would "risk enduring some of our interdenominational frays." He added, however, that "such frays are simply the price paid for our passion—passion that is vital to the success of our efforts." The Reform Jewish leader, who heads a union of 856 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada, asked:

"Why be fearful of this passion and therefore resort to 'lowest common denominator Judaism' efforts in schools, in camping, in Israel adventures? Why invest in a pale version of what the synagogue movements have already built?

"Why not instead offer federation scholarships for camps, for Israel trips, for Outreach programs and other suitable points of Jewish connection, allowing each family to choose its affiliation—in trust that affiliation per se means empowerment for the Jewish community?"

Rabbi Schindler concluded:

"The synagogue is very simply the heartland of Judaism. All other Jewish institutions mobilize and utilize Jews on behalf of the community. It is in the house of worship where modernity and eternity meet and set in process the Jewish future."

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Artist's rendition of Congregation Emanuel at 206 North Kelly St., Statesville, N.C., by Steve Herman. The synagogue building is 100 years old. Mr. Herman is art instructor at Mitchell Community College and is owner of HERMAN ART GALLERY at 636 West End Ave., Statesville, N.C., 28677, (704) 872-5095. Please see cover story, "Congregation Emanuel Celebrates Centennial," beginning on page 7.

BACK COVER:
The Seder Scene at the Blumenthal Jewish Home—residents and family members, April 1992.

From the Editor

Commenting on the Israeli elections held June 23, American Jewish Committee President Alfred H. Moses stated that "once again the uniqueness of Israel's vibrant democracy is demonstrated, in stark contrast to other countries in the region."

Mr. Moses added that "the participation of more than 70 percent of the Israeli electorate compares favorably even with our own democracy in the United States." He noted that in the last U.S. presidential election, less than one half the Americans eligible actually cast a vote.

Mr. Moses also pointed out that Israeli Arabs, who constitute more than ten percent of the electorate, were not only full participants in the process but also won several seats in the Knesset.

In this democratic process, the Labor Party, led by Yitzhak Rabin, won 44 seats in the Knesset, the largest bloc in the 120-seat parliament. As we go to press, it seems apparent that Yitzhak Rabin will form the governing coalition in which at least 61 seats are needed.

It was reported in *The Charlotte Observer* on July 1 that in an attempt to win right-wing support for the government coalition it is building, the Labor Party modified its position on freezing settlement activity in the occupied territories while Mideast peace talks are under way. New guidelines approved by Rabin will "reinforce settlement along the confrontation lines," which he previously defined as the Jordan Valley and the Golan Heights. Rabin also favors continued construction around Jerusalem, but "still opposes 'political settlements,' which is what he accuses the present Likud-led government of building."

Rabin has announced that his national agenda would include peacemaking, solving unemployment and other social problems, election reform and improving U.S. relations.

We agree with American Jewish Congress Executive Director Henry Siegman who stated, "I trust that in the wake of these election results, the traditionally warm relations between the United States and Israel will be quickly resumed and that the Administration will act promptly on the loan guarantees that Israel so desperately needs."

Have a pleasant, peaceful summer!
Ruth Goldberg

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Tishah b'Av 5752

Kotel Customs of Today

by Leah Abramowitz

(WZPS) In recent years a multitude of new customs has evolved that center around the Western Wall of the Temple Mount—the Kotel. Some of these are rabbinically initiated by spiritual leaders of our times while others have developed spontaneously.

A good example is the practice of holding Bar Mitzvah celebrations at the Wall. Says one Rabbi, "I estimate that one out of every three Bar Mitzvah boys in Israel marks his coming of manhood at the Kotel." Colorful customs surround the Bar Mitzvah ceremony, centralized in the 13-year-old's reading of the Torah, especially in the Sephardi communities. These include enthusiastic ululating from the woman's section, occasional drumming or musical accompaniment and the throwing of sweets.

Not only Israelis celebrate this way. Many families from abroad plan trips to the Holy Land around a Bar Mitzvah or a Bat Mitzvah at the Kotel, made easy by available "Bar Mitzvah Tours."

Most Israelis have attended an army swearing-in ceremony at the Wall, to mark the end of basic training. After a speech on the importance of pledging allegiance to Israel's armed forces, the symbol representing the new corps is set ablaze. Each soldier, in the presence of family members, is then given both a gun and a Bible by his commanding officer.

The Kotel is also the final stop for "Masa Kumta" ("the Beret March"). At the end of their army service, paratroopers must undergo a rigorous march of some 40 kilometers, before they can obtain their berets. The soldiers often arrive exhausted mentally and physically, turning the reunion with family members into a highly emotional one.

The "Gadna" pre-Army youth group concludes its summer training session at the Kotel and numerous political rallies and demonstrations also end at the ancient site. Many organizations, such as the UJA and Israel Bonds, also hold their introductory and closing ceremonies at the Wall before returning home.

Many of the new customs that have been established in our generation take place on holidays. During the Ten Days of Penitence between Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur, for example, both religious and secular school groups come to the Kotel for Selichot (Penitential) Prayers. They often arrive at midnight for this impressive, if sleepy, worship. Deposited just outside the Dung Gate, a teacher or guide may take the opportunity to explain not only the custom of midnight prayers at this season, but lead them on an unforgettable night tour of the Old City.

On Jerusalem Day there is a similar midnight pilgrimage of visitors to the Wall where the reunification of the country's capital is celebrated with prayers and enthusiastic dancing. For daytime visitors to the Wall, a national ceremony is held with speakers, an army band and prayers.

One week later, congregations from all over Jerusalem gather at the Kotel at sunrise on the morning of Shavuot to recite the "Shacharit" (Morning) Service. Many study Torah in groups all night long to commemorate the Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. Between three and four a.m. they descend to the Kotel by the thousands, filling the plaza in the grey, rosy light of dawn.

On the third or fourth day of Pesach and Succot, a mass blessing takes place during the Musaf (Additional) Service. Hundreds of Kohanim (descendants of the original priests) from all over Israel gather at the Wall. At a particular point in the prayers, they lift their white prayer shawls above their heads, and with their hands raised aloft, bless the worshippers with the traditional blessing—"May the Lord Bless and Keep You. . ." The huge, synchronized Priestly Blessing has special significance, for according to ancient tradition, it is a means of advancing the Messiah's coming.



The Kotel, the Western Wall of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. People put prayers and notes in crevices of the Western Wall. Photo by Shuki Kook.

The Ministry of Religion organizes a kind of holiday pilgrimage on this day and busses in groups of *moshav* and *kibbutz* members from around the country. They then ascend Mount Zion, a modern reenactment of the ancient pilgrimages to the Temple during the holiday season.

The midnight prayers recited yearround by Kabbalists, are another example of old practices reenacted today. This service has lost some of its mystery and intimacy in the present setting of the huge, well-lit Kotel plaza and is very different from the modest, but intense experience of worshippers from bygone days. Black-clad Hassidim recite the prayers in a business-like and impersonal manner; a mechanical ritual, unemotional.

Similarly, Tishah b'Av, the anniversary of the Temple's destruction, formerly a day of national mourning, has taken on the atmosphere of a giant social gathering. Although worshippers continue to sit on the ground by the Kotel as a sign of mourning and read Kinot and Lamentations, the atmosphere can be almost carnival-like.

Just reviewing the number of Kotel practices that have originated or been reinstated since the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 proves how dynamic and forceful the country's traditions actually are.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Tishah b'Av is observed beginning after Shabbat on August 8 and on Sunday, August 9, 1992. Since it is traditional to refrain from eating meat for the first eight days of the month of Av (except on Shabbat), and then to fast on the ninth of Av, we have selected a few vegetarian and dairy recipes and some dairy desserts for you to try.

SCHVARZADICK REDFISH

4 redfish fillets (8 to 10 oz. each)
1/2 tsp. salt
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
4 large cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
1-1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. thyme
1/2 tsp. oregano
14 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 cup butter, melted
2 lemons, cut into wedges (optional)

In a shallow dish, season fish with salt and top with onion and garlic. Cover tightly and refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours.

In a small bowl combine black pepper, thyme, oregano and cayenne pepper. Scrape onion and garlic from fish. Brush fish on both sides with some butter. Sprinkle evenly with pepper mixture.

Heat a cast-iron skillet over high heat. Add half the fish, skin side down, and cook for 3 minutes or until completely charred, drizzling more butter on top. Turn and cook for 2 minutes more. Transfer to platter; keep warm. Discard butter drippings and wipe out skillet. Repeat with remaining fish and butter. Serve with lemon wedges, if desired.

Serves four to six.

NOTE: This recipe creates a great deal of smoke. Make sure your kitchen is well ventilated and use exhaust fans if possible.

Kosher Cajun Cookbook

BALUK PLAKKI
(A Turkish Dish)

3 pounds firm-fleshed fish
1/2 cup oil or butter
Salt to taste
2 large onions, sliced
4 large tomatoes (or 1 cup strained, canned)
1 cup boiling water
Parsley and/or fresh mint
Lemon wedges (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Rub inside and outside of fish lightly with oil and salt. Broil under low heat, turning when inner skin is brown, then brown outer side.

Place the fish in a long baking dish, cover with sliced onions and tomatoes. Sprinkle lightly with salt and bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Add boiling water and baste. Bake 5 to 10 minutes longer.

Serve either hot or cold, garnished with parsley and/or fresh mint and/or lemon wedges.

Serves 6

STUFFED EGGPLANTS

4 small Italian eggplants
4 Tbsps. butter or margarine
1 medium onion, diced
1 clove garlic, chopped
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
2 tomatoes, diced
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
1-1/2 Tbsps. chopped parsley
1/2 tsp. oregano
Olive oil

Cut eggplants in half lengthwise. Scoop out middle of each half in one piece and dice, leaving shell about one-fourth-inch thick.

Melt butter or margarine in large skillet. Saute onions, garlic and mushrooms until onions are transparent.

Add eggplant pulp and tomatoes. Cook three minutes over medium heat. Stir in cheese, parsley, salt and oregano.

Place eggplant shells on oiled baking pan. Spoon mixture in halves. Drizzle over tops.

Bake in 350° oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Serves four to eight as appetizer or side dish.

Long Island Jewish World

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Soul of Jerusalem
by Devorah Hare
Rock Hill, S.C.

Again, the ninth of Av—
And my timeless Jewish soul,
Feels as if all Jerusalem is burning.

Her enemies approach the Holy Gate,
Nebuchadnezzar. Mighty Rome.
Countless jackals in sheep's clothing,
Casting lots for Israel's birthright—
Masters of the covenant game.

Twice she was burned,
On Tishah b'Av—
Twice her temple pillars fell.

Thick smoke rises about Mt. Moriah,
Or is it Treblinka?
Or Auschwitz?
Jewish life without a homeland—
The heart of Israel encircled in barbed wire.

No CNN opinion polls—
No children left to question.

They pray the "Crematorium Prayer,"
Starving Jewish hands lifted to G-d,
Asking, "Moshiach, Where are you?"
As the world negotiates for peace—
Amid the pungent European air.

The G-d of Israel does not hide from them,
Jewish prayers spark the divine—
He sends Herzl, Weitzmann, Ben-Gurion, Meir—
Among countless untold heroes,
To rescue Israel from her mental wheelchair,
And still is. . .

City of Gold,
Beloved Jerusalem—
G-d's soil is mixed with sacred blood,
For a purpose—
Most have comfortably forgotten.

May we never embarrass our ancestors by saying,
"Again, the ninth of Av?"

Special Moments in Jerusalem

by Joseph Cohen

The third in a series of travel pieces on Israel and Egypt.

Dateline Jerusalem, December 20, 1991. The number of accounts of visits to Jerusalem from ancient times to the present must be almost as numerous as the prayers said at the Western Wall. Who throughout space and time has walked through the Jaffa Gate into the Old City and not been moved to write down his or her thoughts, impressions and feelings! I am no different. I cannot conceive of being in Jerusalem without recording the special moments of so extraordinary an experience.

My wife Ruth and I were there only for a few days. Given the brief time at our disposal, the possibilities of special moments, as numerous as they are in so fabled a place, might have posed a problem. What would we choose to see? How much could we manage in the time we had? Hebrew University, the Knesset, Yad Vashem, the Dome of the Rock, the Chagall Windows in the Hadassah Hospital, Rachel's Tomb, Mount Herzl, Bethlehem, Ben Yehuda Mall? Innate priorities seemed to take over and save us from some agonizing decisions. My priorities automatically pulled me to what would be the most special moments among all the options. There would be two of them: the sublime and moving pleasure of going to the Western Wall late on a Friday afternoon just before the beginning of Shabbat and of going on Shabbat morning to the Shrine of the Book to marvel over the Dead Sea Scrolls.

We came to the Western Wall via a walking tour that began at the Jaffa Gate, moving leisurely through the Armenian Section and on into the Jewish Quarter. Though I had seen the Wall dozens of times this past year on television—who has not?—I was not prepared for the grandeur of the approaches to it, coming along the restored Roman remains, the Cardo, and then into high stone winding walkways that suddenly bring one around a corner and into the magnificent view of the Wall on the square far below, with the Dome of the Rock glistening in the sunlight behind it, the El Aqsa Mosque standing nearby.

Being at the Wall was an intensely personal experience for me. Earlier in this series I wrote about my father's fervent wish to go to Palestine and to pray at the Wall, a wish that never came to fruition. Crossing the square, it was clear to me that I was coming there for him, and in one of those rare and transcendent moments when one's whole life is illuminated by a sense of the interconnectedness of human beings with each other and with God, I said my simple prayers for my parents and my deceased brothers, and put the prayers I had written beforehand into a crevice between the stones, my little note placed among so many others, bespeaking so many losses, recalling so many blessings.

In the meantime, Ruth had noticed that along the low retaining wall and the grassy knoll just to the right of and adjacent to the Wall, there were numerous loose pebbles and tiny stones. It would not have occurred to me to do so, but knowing intrinsically what I was feeling, she suggested that I might want to gather up a small handful of those pebbles and stones and bring them back with me. I did. When I am next in Nashville, Tennessee, where my parents are buried, I will take that little handful of pebbles and stones and place it on their grave. If my father couldn't go to the Wall, I have brought a bit of the Wall to him.

Dusk soon fell and Jerusalem the bustling, Jerusalem the Golden suddenly became Jerusalem the silent. Never have I been in any place where the hushed reverence of the Sabbath is so all-encompassing and monumental. Only the Shabbat elevators in the hotels seem to have a consciousness of performing their secular function, and for a time on Friday we wondered, with just about everything shut down, how limited the prospects would be for seeing more of Jerusalem on Saturday.

Happily for us the Israel Museum opens for a few hours on Shabbat. In it one could spend days; we had what seemed like only minutes. In the end, they had to throw us out, along with rooms full of other visitors. Fortunately, we started with the Shrine of the Book. Again, I found myself in a transcendent state, for books and manuscripts have been at the very center of my entire life. I have collected them, read them, studied them, reviewed them, written them, bought and sold them, given them away, loaned them, "borrowed" them back, taught graduate courses in bibliography, initiated two archives, one of Judaica, in university libraries, logged thousands of fulfilling hours in public, private and college libraries, lived and breathed the written word. It's been an all-consuming passion. As a book hunter, I've searched in dozens of states and a half dozen foreign countries for treasures, and sometimes found them, and sometimes not. And there, in the Shrine of the Book, I was face to face with the greatest manuscript in the history of Western Civilization.

The story of the accidental discovery of the first seven scrolls by an Arab shepherd in the Qumran Caves in 1947, of subsequent discoveries of scrolls and fragments amounting to 800 manuscripts in all, and of many artifacts used by the inhabitants of the caves who lived in them from the late third century before the Common Era into the first century of the new era, of the Israeli acquisition of the scrolls in 1967 following the Six-Day War, of their virtual sequestration until this past year, and of the intrigues and manipulations of a succession of editors notorious for their exclusionary practices, is one of the most fascinating book tales of all time.

That story, however, pales beside the immense wealth of information and insight the scrolls provide in confirming the authenticity of the Hebrew Bible as it has come down to us, and in shedding light on those early Jewish and Christian communities who after more than two thousand years have yielded up their priceless documents.

And, yes, even the knowledge of their value pales against the majesty

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Congregation Emanuel Celebrates Centennial

Statesville, N.C.

by Hanna Adler

Congregation Emanuel of Statesville, N.C. celebrated the Centennial of the synagogue on May 29, 1992 with a festive Sabbath Eve Service, conducted by Dr. Andrew Ettin of Winston-Salem. The local synagogue is the second oldest house of worship in Statesville and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Mitchell College Historic District. The original Trinity Episcopal Church building on Walnut Street is older by about twenty years according to Mr. David Bunch, Statesville historian.

Congregation Emanuel shared this historic occasion with members, former members, and also with nearby Jewish communities and special friends of the Statesville community. Congregation Emanuel was founded August 19, 1883. Members met for services in each others' homes until the historic building was completed and dedicated May 25, 1892, a hundred years ago.

John Hoffmann of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Connie Wallace Aronson are well-known in Statesville since their family roots go back to that time. Their ancestor, Isaac Wallace, was the first Jewish person to settle in Statesville, in 1859. He founded Wallace Bros., a firm which dealt with herbs and roots. Homer Keever stated that, "By 1890, they were shipping annually a million and a half pounds of dried roots, bark and leaves of over 2,300 different varieties of plants. . ." The firm won national and international recognition. More important perhaps, Mr. Wallace promoted the welfare of the community and the state.

John Hoffmann, who was born and raised in Statesville, was asked to share reminiscences during the festivities. He spoke of the years when the synagogue was closed and recalled his grandmother's efforts to impart at least some basic education to him, his brother William, and the older Gordon brothers. He related humorous anecdotes which he had heard from family members. He gave details about his parents' ancestry. Both Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann and his wife Leah Stephany Hoffmann were born in Statesville. John Hoffmann's vivid descriptions brought this important phase of Statesville Jewish history into clear focus.

Dr. Andrew Ettin, spiritual leader of Congregation Emanuel, is also a professor of American Jewish Literature at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem. His eloquent remarks are quoted, in part, below:

"This centennial of Congregation Emanuel's synagogue does not merely pay tribute to a building or even to a congregation. Nor does it only pay tribute to the cordial relations between the small community of Jews in or near Statesville and their non-Jewish neighbors. Doubtless all of these are important to honor, now and always. But there is even more to this event.

"It also celebrates *community* and *continuity*. We see here the fruits of generations of devotion to the promise given in this week's Biblical reading from Leviticus, that God's tabernacle will be set in our midst. We know that the spiritual tabernacle is erected in each of us through holy teachings and righteous examples.

"Yet, we do not build only as individuals. Erecting and maintaining the physical tabernacle requires that we join together and work together, all of us in a priesthood of dedication that requires sacrifices and gives bountiful gifts in return. Not the least of those gifts is the gift of a vibrant, caring and sharing community that our working together produces.

"A centennial celebration such as this reminds us also that we do not build only for a day. This week's prophetic reading from Jeremiah affirms that deep-rooted faith will carry us, like a tree planted by the water, through the times of heat and drought, so that we may continue to bear fruit. The faith of previous generations continues to bear its fruit. We see it in this goodly house of worship. We taste it in the continuing vitality of the congregation's worship and celebrations. And we see the bounty still to come in the faces of the children, their teachers, their parents, their co-worshippers, who have come to know this place as one of their homes, a *house* for worship.

"We pray that this well-rooted religious home will continue to nourish and be nourished by this Jewish community, and that all people will continue to find here a place of beauty and a place filled with the spirit of the one Creator of all that lives."

Historical Background

The history of the congregation was chronicled in 1983, when the centennial of the founding of the congregation was celebrated. A copy of this booklet was placed in the Iredell County Public Library and is also available through members of Congregation Emanuel. Darrell Hathcox, then a reporter for the *Statesville Record and Landmark,* assisted with the research and wrote extensively about the early Jewish settlers. Among them were the Wallaces and the Lowensteins, whose buildings are still well-known in Statesville. Hathcox cited *Iredell, Piedmont County* by Homer M. Keever; "The History of the Jewish Community in Statesville, N.C." by Henrietta Wallace, *The Carolina Israelite,* December 1952; various editions of *The Record & Landmark;* Trade Edition, *The Landmark,* as research sources.

The entrance hall of Congregation Emanuel serves as a historical archive for memorabilia, giving information on founding members of the congregation, minutes, financial records, textbooks which were used a hundred years ago, and other documents of historic interest. Correspondence shows the esteem in which the Jewish congregation was held nationwide by eminent rabbis of the era. The original congregants were German-Jewish immigrants, and they used German/English prayerbooks.

The Building Exterior and Interior

In previous accounts, the building is described as Romanesque Revival.

It is stated that local brick was used in the construction of the exterior walls which feature corbeling decorations. The four supporting corner buttresses terminate in unique buttress caps of pressed tin with the Star of David and other ornamentation. The cost of the building was $4,000-$5,000. The designer or builder of the synagogue is not known, but there are very similar small synagogues built about the same time in German towns in the Rhineland.

The congregation has left the interior features unchanged from the original design and furnishings. Based on previously quoted documents, it is known that the detailed, hand-carved wooden Ark containing the Torah Scrolls, the wooden furnishings, and the unique painted fresco on the ceiling are attributed to the work of a Swiss-born artisan, Mr. G. Karcher, who moved to Statesville in 1875. Mounted on the Ark are two wooden tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

Darrell Hathcox's account also states that the interior is illuminated by wall scones and a brass chandelier hanging beneath the fresco. The fixtures originally were gas-fired and were later converted to electricity.

Red and green panes of manufactured patterned glass make up the windows of the synagogue. The glass reportedly was imported from England. Native wood was used to construct the pews. Ceremonial items abound, each having significance for the congregants. Many date back almost a hundred years. For instance, the silver Torah "yad" (hand) was donated by the "Little Helpers," the children of the religious school, in memory of David Wallace, who served also as a religious school teacher.

The social hall was added 1957 and classrooms in 1967, which completed the building to its present state.

The Dormant Years, 1920 through 1954

We learn from the vivid description of Miss Henrietta Wallace what happened to the vibrant community after 1900. She writes: ". . .the Jewish population gradually moved from Statesville to other places. Prohibition came into being, which crippled the liquor business. The older members of the Jewish group passed away." She mentions that the Wallace Bros. Wholesale House was dissolved in 1935. In 1917, Mr. Louis Gordon moved to Statesville from High Point; the Steinberger family followed in the 1920s. Research shows that in 1923 only six Jewish families were left to attend worship services, too few to support a synagogue. However, Jewish residents traveled to nearby communities, where their children attended religious school. Mr. Louis Gordon arranged to have a rabbi live in his home for a time to instruct his sons. Home observances continued faithfully. The synagogue building was maintained by Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann and a Board of Trustees. While it was closed, it was used by other religious factions at times. In 1923 the Men's Bible Class of First Presbyterian Church used the building for their "Sunday morning work," records indicate. The house next to the synagogue, which had been bought originally for the resident rabbi's use, was rented out, with receipts going into the Federated Fund for Jewish Charities, administered by Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann. John Hoffmann confirmed that fund raising activities for Jewish charities never ceased.



Original Bimah with Ten Commandments, Congregation Emanuel, Statesville, N.C. Photo by Chester P. Middlesworth.

A more detailed description of those years is included in the 1983 centennial booklet.

In December 1952, Miss Henrietta Wallace wrote nostalgically in *The Carolina Israelite:* "The empty synagogue stands with beckoning hand, but the few people left come to Charlotte to attend services. The record of the Jewish community of Statesville, North Carolina, is the reverse of the usual pattern of steady growth. Here is a community that was once among the largest and most influential in the State, but economic growth extended in other directions. It is interesting to note that the position of Statesville as a general community runs parallel with the influence and size of its Jewish community, and at the time when the Jewish community there was very influential, Statesville itself was one of the most important cities in the State of North Carolina."

The Reopening and Rededication of the Synagogue in 1954

By the early 1950s, migration of industries into North Carolina brought an influx of young Jewish families to Statesville. There was a surge of hope, renewal and determination to reopen the synagogue. The Gordon sons had joined the family business; three had married during this period. The need for a synagogue

revived and was decided upon forthwith. On October 27, 1953, the following Jewish men gathered at the home of Milton Steinberger: Louis Gordon and his sons Melvin, Ellis, Saul and Alfred; Milton Steinberger; Theodore Sohn; Albert Gruenhut; Albert Schneider; David Lester; Joseph Jay; Elliott Cohen, Jules Aronson; and Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann.

The building was repaired. This included painting, plumbing, new wiring, heating, plastering, and painting the roof.

Mrs. Milton Steinberger traced the exciting developments in the *Times Outlook:* "A renewed interest in all phases of Jewish life was evident when we joined the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Project which was inaugurated in 1954 by Mr. I. D. Blumenthal. A religious school was organized and the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel was formed. . . and our population of Jewish families increased." The High Holy Days 1954 saw the fulfillment of the dream. Sixty-five people attended, including distinguished guests. The local community rejoiced with Congregation Emanuel and a 15-minute Yom Kippur program was played over local radio on October 5, 1954. The 1983 centennial booklet gives a detailed account of activities, year by year, from that point forward to 1983.

Congregation Emanuel Today

Membership has been about 35 families over many years. Similar to the trend nationwide, members are transferred to other areas and professional people, manufacturing executives, and also people buying existing businesses in the Piedmont have moved in. In the last few years, membership of younger families grew, mainly those settling in the small towns surrounding Statesville and the Lake Norman area. This has revitalized the religious school, under the professional guidance of Mrs. Barbara Podair. Assisting her have been Mrs. Fawn Sudman and the parents of the enrolled students. There is also on the staff a certified Hebrew teacher, Larry Pestcoe, who prepares the young people for Bar Mitzvah. One Bar Mitzvah was just celebrated and two more are scheduled for this year. The new residents appreciate the availability of the beautiful historic synagogue and the warm welcome extended to new members.

Families take turns conducting Sabbath services and hosting the social hour which follows. During the past year, Dr. Andrew Ettin has served the congregation about ten times to conduct Sabbath services, to lead challenging adult education seminars, and to officiate at Bar/Bat Mitzvah and other celebrations. For the High Holy Days, well-qualified cantors or rabbis come to Statesville to serve the congregation.

Centennial Celebration

President Kalman Godon appointed the Centennial Committee: Alan Reisman, chairman; Albert Schneider, ways and means; Eddie Goldstein; Leonard Polk; Saul Gordon; Michael Landau. Hospitality was handled by Barbara Winthrop, Ruth Goldstein and Lillian Tobias; Ruth Polk handled the invitations. and Hanna Adler, publicity. Other members of the congregation were asked to assist.

Despite the inclement weather, about a hundred people attended the Centennial Sabbath Eve Services and enjoyed the festivities. Distinguished guests included Dr. and Mrs. Israel J. Gerber from Charlotte. Dr. Gerber served Congregation Emanuel from 1972-1979. In the absence of the President Kalman Gordon and Committee Chairman Alan Reisman, Michael Landau, vice president of the congregation, welcomed the honored guests and congregants to this historic event.

It was a time to reminisce and to browse through scrapbooks; to embrace old friends who traveled to Statesville to join in this celebration; to welcome local officials, clergy and some of those who have shown interest and good will to the local congregation. Delicious refreshments were served in the Social Hall.

Richard Gordon, Barry Gordon and Sammy Winthrop—all of whom received their entire Jewish education at Congregation Emanuel, served as ushers.

Haim Gordon, who served the congregation 1970/71, stated in *Hadassah Magazine,* February 1975: "Anyone who has visited Congregation Emanuel is immediately aware of the unique feeling of warmth and friendship which envelops the entire community."



Looking at the specially decorated cake (L. to R.): John Hoffmann, who reviewed some of the early history of Congregation Emanuel; Barbara Winthrop of the hospitality committee; Michael Landau, vice president of the congregation; and Dr. Andrew Ettin of Wake Forest University, who conducted the Centennial Sabbath eve service. Photo by Chester P. Middlesworth.

Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Though some of my best female friends are feminists, give me a *baleboosteh,* and I'll show you a woman that takes charge without the need of a "women's movement." In freelance writing, many weeks one works for *bubkes;* that is so much better than working for peanuts. Isn't it much more pleasant to call a simpleton a *golem* than a dope? I must not be very hip because I so much more enjoy someone coming up to me and saying *"Nu?"* than being greeted by "What's happening baby?" or "How's my main man?" How can one adeptly describe a *schlimazel?*

I don't want Yiddish to die. It is that simple. Yiddish is economical; it saves time and energy. Yiddish is rich like the cream on pickled herring. Psychobabble of today dictates we speak to each other in terms such as "Let me tell you how I heard that," or "I hear what you say and thanks for sharing with me." Yiddish would dictate, "Quit *hocking a chainik* already!" Though Yiddish is hard to translate, if we did so literally the phrase might say, "Stop hitting the tea kettle." I cannot put words together in a better fashion that would relate the grating sound of a spoon hitting that tea kettle. Yiddish says it all. Quick and to the point.

Very few of my age group uses Yiddish anymore. By the time this article is printed, I hope the Asheville Jewish Community Center will get enough people to sign up for a proposed Yiddish conversation class. If Ross Perot can have an independent campaign for President, then I can announce today a national campaign to have Yiddish as an important language in this country. We have drives to save trees, to save dolphins, to stop buying tuna; what about a drive to save Yiddish! I saw a bumper sticker the other day that said, "Save Tibet." Good cause, I guess, but if we can save Tibet. why not Yiddish?

To say somebody has made the wrong turn and is lost just doesn't cut the mustard. On the way to Florida in the fifties when interstates were just beginning, some joker in the swampy section of South Georgia altered the signs and put detour signs leading us onto a narrow dirt road as we plodded through the Georgia heat. It did seem like strange directions, but Dad followed the sign and off we went on our way to Miami through the swamp that dead-ended at a mean-looking migrant worker's house. Forget lost, we were purely *farblondjet!*

A friend of mine recently was forced into bankruptcy. That has the unpleasant sound of perhaps needing a hernia truss. I prefer to say he just went *mechuleh.* Now that may mean finished, but it sounds more like an Israeli folk dance or that billionaire that married Pia Zadora.

In English we say Joe Smoe for an unidentified person. *Chaim Yankel* is used in Yiddish. Better, yes?

In Leo Rosten's book, *The Joys of Yiddish,* he tells that Yankel sometimes was a hastily acquired name used as a talisman against death. It was believed that if the Angel of Death came and looked for the victim under his original name, it might confuse the poor Angel if a Yankel was found in the sick bed instead of whatever the person's real name was. The Angel supposedly would pass over the sick person and go elsewhere. My Uncle Jack, may he rest in peace, never knew that he had such a desirable name, but the Angel of Death still found him.

Rosten tells us that the Yiddish language consists of four basic components: German, Hebrew, Slavic, and what some have called Loez, the Jewish correlates of Old French and Old Italian, the initial Yiddish beginning around 1000 C.E.

When you travel through airports dragging suitcases, it takes all four languages to come up with the perfect word, *shlepping* your stuff around.

To pester somebody is bad enough, but to *gridzeh* somebody is another thing. Mom described to me the meaning of *gridzeh* as somebody sticking a knife in you and slowly twisting it around and around. Get the picture.

To say somebody is insensitive is one thing, but to describe his coarseness as a *grauber yung* is quite another thing.

And my favorite, *meshugge.* I prefer to use this word to cover a multitude of social ills. The riots in Los Angeles, the lawyer that sued the doctor for destroying his patient's psychic talents when he ordered her to have a CAT Scan, and the salesclerk who needs a ten-minute break every fifteen minutes. All these fit under the *meshugge* category.

I am committing this day to try and use one extra word of Yiddish a week. When Nathan and Stephanie, my children, become tumultuous, they will be creating a *tummel.* Sounds good, like if I take a TUMS it will be all better. When we see criminals on the nightly news, they will from now on become simple *no-goodniks.* I feel safer with a *no-goodnik* than a robber.

"Everyone's got his own *pekl.*" All families have their own bags to carry

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David Schulman (Left), the "Yiddish Crusader," and his brother Herbert in 1955.

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Fran Hirschel

Temple Beth El welcomes our most recent Bar Mitzvah, Patrick Hare, to our congregation, and extends congratulations to him and his family.

At every Bar and Bat Mitzvah service, a representative of our congregation strongly urges each son or daughter of the commandment to continue his or her Jewish education and complete the requirements for Confirmation. These requirements include three years of study at the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte, attendance at a certain number of religious services as well as a number of hours of volunteer work. In addition, the Confirmation Class has attended a weekend conclave at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. This year, as in most years, the Confirmands themselves helped earn part of the costs of the Cincinnati trip.

In keeping with our tradition, the Confirmation Service was held on Shavuot. The Confirmands led the service, which included traditional prayers as well as creative works that they themselves had written. These pieces were read or sung and played on the guitar by the Confirmands. It was a moving service; a tribute to their dedication and that of their teachers and our Rabbi. The Confirmands are a talented group of young people, and we commend them for their dedication and their idealism.

This year's Confirmands were Courtney Blacker, David Bunich, Jaime Cojac, Aimee Goldfischer, Robert Hirschel, Ryan Joffe, Stacie Katz, Boris Kurgan, Chad Levy, Heather McGinley, Stephen Ostrower, Erin Russ, James Schatz, Alan Shulimson, Jody Siegel, Jeffrey Sterling and Steven Wysmuller. We wish them a wonderful future not only for themselves but also for our Temple.

Our annual congregational meeting was held on June 14, and our new Board of Directors and Board Members were installed. The membership also ratified a new constitution. We wish the new Board a successful year and thank them for the time and effort they will contribute.

Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville, N.C.

by Marjorie Schachter

The Saturday Friendship Circle

Meeting the morning of May 2 at the Temple, the group had planned to consider the topic "Judaism and Racism." The recent events in Los Angeles, however, turned out to be the focus of attention, as it was across the country. Gene Ellison, practicing attorney and Asheville's vice-mayor, discussed the unrest from the black point of view.

The Sisterhood

Many members participated with distinction in the special Sisterhood Sabbath service on May 8. Included were Ruth Weber, Ruth Chicurel, Lillian Bieber, Linda Safferstone, Fran Aaron, Hilde Hoffman, Rose Rose, Judy Haller, Phyllis Bluming, Shirley Rapoport and Laura Hruska. Among those who contributed their elegant edibles to the Oneg Shabbat were Rosine Levitch, Cathy Rosenberg, Ellen Gilreath and Ruth Chicurel. Others were Liesel Sullivan, Helene Fligel, Irene Braun, Judy Haller, Fran Aaron, Hilde Hoffman, Linda Safferstone and Marjorie Schachter.

The nominating committee recommended the following Sisterhood slate for 1992-93: Irene Braun, president; Sylvia Meyer, vice president; Judy Haller, financial secretary; Ruth Chicurel, treasurer, Marjorie Schachter and Liesel Sullivan, corresponding secretaries; Ruth Weber, program chair; Shirley Rapoport, recording secretary; Lilian Bieber, fundraising chair. Rosalie Schreir and Fran Aaron will be in charge of Good and Welfare; other directors are Helen Pozner, Rose Rose, Jan Rosenberg, Muriel Marks, Betsy Katell, Hilda Pozner, Hilde Hoffman and Laura Hruska.

Members of the nominating committee were Hilde Hoffman, Judy Haller, Helen Pozner and Marjorie Schachter. The entire slate was elected and installed on June 2 at the annual Sisterhood luncheon at the Asheville Country Club.

The Brotherhood

Brotherhood sponsored the Oneg Shabbat on April 20; the food was prepared by Bob Janowitz, and the intellectual sustenance was provided by the Rabbi, who showed a videotape on the history of the Reform Rabbinate in America.

On April 22, members again prepared and served brunch at Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless. They also delivered the Temple food basket and stocked the shelter's shelves with the contents. Involved in this project, which was arranged by Social Services chairman Fred Hoffman, were Bob Janowitz, Les Schachter, Dick Braun, Larry Rapoport and Arnold Sgan.

The opening event, on May 11, of Brotherhood's annual Isaac Lichtenfels Interfaith Clergy Institute featured an address by Rabbi Stephen Fuchs of Congregation Ohabei Shalom, Nashville, Tenn. His topic was "Interfaith Marriage: Threat, Opportunity or Both?" Arnold Sgan, Brotherhood president, praised Bob Janowitz for the fine meal he prepared, and thanked Dick Braun, Institute chairman, for his excellent handling of the arrangements.

The Religious School

Phyllis Bluming, school principal, thanked Buddy Reiseberger for overseeing the construction of the new

roof for the religious school building, and custodian Edward Wiley for being such a tremendous help in readying the building for the school sessions.

From Phyllis's notes in the Temple bulletin: "On Sunday, April 12, all students and teachers assembled in Unger Hall for a wonderful Model Seder, full of 'family feelings.' A highlight of this event was a play produced by Mrs. Braverman and her first and second grade class. We, at the horseshoe-shaped Seder table, watched all the action on stage and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Mrs. Braverman's class did an excellent job of bringing to life the story of the Jews of long ago who went from slavery to freedom.

"To make our Model Seder the success it was, many people gave of their time and talents and should be thanked: Jean R. Handsman, for chairing this event; Helaine Greene for co-chairing; David Katz, for excellent music for our singing; and Rabbi Bluming for conducting this meaningful Seder service."

On behalf of the school, Phyllis congratulated Jenny Greene on her Bat Mitzvah, and said that Jenny had been an excellent student.

On May 3, the school celebrated Israel's 44th birthday. Mrs. Pat Wienkle was parent coordinator for this special event.

Outreach

The group's spring dinner was held on May 16 at the home of Bob and Hilda Pozner.

A Fundraiser with Everything

Mouthwatering food, memorable music and a prize-rich raffle made the evening of May 30 more than worthwhile for those who came to Unger Hall. Everyone was happy, including the Temple's treasurer.

Congratulations

Jenny Greene was the Bat Mitzvah on May 1 and acquitted herself with distinction. Jenny's parents are Leonard and Helaine Greene, her older sister is Rebecca, and her grandparents are Jack and Claire Orenzo.

From the May Temple bulletin: "Evan Gilreath placed 1st for group competition in the recent N.C. History Day held at UNCA. Rebecca Greene placed 1st in the individual competition for the 2nd consecutive year. This qualifies them to compete in the National History Day competition later this summer in Washington, D.C.

"Both Evan and Becky were selected to attend the N.C. Governors School this summer."

Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville, N.C.

by Lillian R. Wellisch

April showers brought May flowers this Spring and a host of Bar Mitzvahs and one Bat Mitzvah in the next few months. Adam Feingold became a Bar Mitzvah the first weekend in May. He led the services on Friday night and contributed to a large portion of the Saturday morning prayers and chanted the Haftarah, I Samuel.

Grandfather Jack Feingold passed the Torah to his son, Clifford, who then gave it to the Bar Mitzvah, Adam, his son.

Sisterhood Shabbat, appropriately held on the weekend of Mother's Day, engineered by Sara Birnham (Rebitzin) and Liz Nigrosh, was led by all our Sisterhood members. Ileana Grams, doctor of philosophy at UNCA, delivered the informative sermons on Friday night and Saturday morning. A beautiful Friday night Oneg, with a sumptuous Kiddush lunch after services on Saturday, topped off this wonderful weekend. Barbara Levy and Sherrill Knight were the artful directors of this delicious repast with their many, many Sisterhood assistants.

Another high point of the Saturday morning service occurred when the parents of and the children of the present and coming Bar Mitzvahs, Carol and Cliff Feingold and Adam, Barbara and William Lewin and Mandy, Ellen and Bob Carr and Alex, Ruth and David Gaynes and Amos, came up to the *Bima,* with Ellen Carr, as reader of a very poignant open letter from them to Morry Tenenbaum, "Our Man of Many Hats in the Shul," who was so instrumental in helping the children become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. They presented him with a gold leaf for our Tree of Life.

Rabbi Birnham's Activities

In addition to Rabbi Birnham's very busy schedule of working with the children for Bar and Bat Mitzvah, his community involvement included the following: (1) He participated on the panel at a conference, hosted by Highland Hospital at MAHEC called, "Healing the Spirit." Two hundred and thirty people attended this six-hour conference which blended the wisdoms of religion and psychology. Rabbi Birnham was also on the planning committee for the conference. The group plans to continue meeting, growing, and planning more events. (2) Rabbi Birnham spoke at The Asheville School on a Sunday evening. (3) He lectured in the Center for Jewish Studies series at UNC-A. (4) Rabbi taught a class session at Warren Wilson College. The class was studying the Middle East situation.

Pauline Tenenbaum, co-chair of the Sisterhood Gift Shop, wishes to recognize these dedicated volunteers: Michael Beeby, Elaine Bronstein, Elizabeth Davis, Carol Deutsch, Hilda Ehrlich, Sim Gelbert, Gloria Miller, Kay Miller, Murray Miller, Debbie Neimkin and Morry Tenenbaum, with a special thanks to her co-chair, Muriel Gelbert.

Sunday School was a bee-hive of activity the Sundays before Pesach. Some of the chores included cleaning windows as part of the pre-Passover house cleaning. As a preface to our Passover week, the children had the opportunity to bake their own *matzah,* with Amos Gaynes coming away with a prize *matzah.*

In Synagogue news: Mazel Tov to Michael and Deborah Beeby on the birth of a son, Joshua David Jacob Beeby, on March 21. A big thank you from the Adult Education Committee to Dr. Sheldon Neuringer for his assistance with the "Heritage" film series and also to Dr. Eliot Katz for his faithful assistance in keeping the series going.

The Rabbi's Tuesday night class—"Rhythm of Jewish Living: The Jewish Life Cycle—From Birth to After Death" was held on May 5, 12, and 26, which was the last class. The Rabbi's

Study Group—"The Prophets" met on May 6 and 27, with June 3 being their last class.

The following Haftorot for May were: May 2-I Samuel, Adam Feingold; May 9-Amos 9:07, Robin Deutsch; May 16-Ezekiel 44:15, Dana Friedman, May 23-Jeremiah 32:06, Joe Gullotta; and May 30-Jeremiah 16:19, Joe Knight.

Scholar-in-Residence

Our Scholar-in-Residence program was very exciting. Raymond P. Scheindlin, currently professor of medieval literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary, provided a variety of informative and interesting programs on May 29, 30, and 31. This scholar was particularly chosen to help us commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

Rabbi Scheindlin completed his undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Oriental Studies. He then attended the Jewish Theological Seminary where he received a master of Hebrew letters degree as well as his Rabbinical ordination. He then received a Ph.D. in Arabic language and literature from Columbia University. After teaching at McGill and Cornell Universities, he returned to the Jewish Theological Seminary at his current position.

Rabbi Scheindlin has published several books. His first book was a technical study of an Arabic poet in eleventh century Spain. He later published a textbook, *201 Arabic Verbs*. In addition, he has published several translations of medieval Hebrew texts, *Wine, Women, and Death,* and *The Gazelle*.

On Friday evening, Dr. Scheindlin spoke on "The Golden Age of Spain," with an Oneg and discussion period following the service. On Saturday, May 30, Dr. Scheindlin presented a D'Var Torah during the morning service. On Saturday evening, there was a dessert buffet, followed by Dr. Scheindlin conducting a reading and discussion of medieval Hebrew poetry. The evening concluded with the Havdalah service. On Sunday morning, there was a brunch with Rabbi Scheindlin speaking on "The Silver Age of Spain," the Jews in Christian Spain until the expulsion in 1492—and thus the weekend program was completed.

Saturday night, June 6, 1992, marked our yearly Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, an all night (or as long as you can last) study and nosh session, celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah to our people. Though the Torah was given once, it was received over and over in our lifetimes. Every time we study and learn Torah, we re-experience the momentous event at Mt. Sinai. Last year, we started with twenty-five participants, eight teachers of great subjects, and loads of good munchies. We concluded at 6 a.m. with a Sunrise Prayer Service.

Personals

In Memory of Rosalyn S. Pliner Raleigh, N.C.

Rosalyn S. Pliner of Raleigh, N.C., died on June 15. She was the wife of Norman S. Pliner, past president of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. She was a member of Temple Beth Or, Hadassah and the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men.

Other survivors include: three daughters, Dr. Patricia L. Pliner of Toronto, Canada, Dr. Judith E. Pliner of Denver, Colo., Janice L. Pliner of Arlington, Va.; two sisters, Lillian S. Gutterman and Norma S. Sturm, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Kate and Andrew Cappell of Toronto.

Rabbi Jacob Luski, Former Charlottean, Receives National Award

Rabbi Jacob Luski, son of Rose and Abraham Luski, of Charlotte, N.C., was honored in New York on June 24 at the national "JERUSALEM 25" Dinner, commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. He is one of 25 eminent North American rabbis selected as the recipient of Israel's Reunification Award who was honored at this national Israel Bonds event.

Rabbi Luski was honored for his outstanding dedication to the economic future and well-being of the State of Israel. Rabbi Luski is the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel of St. Petersburg, Fla. Paying tribute to B'nai Israel's spiritual leader, the president and CEO of the Israel Bonds Organization, Ambassador Meir Rosenne, said "Rabbi Luski's tireless efforts and leadership in behalf of Israel and the Bonds campaign have played an exceptional role, above and beyond the call of duty, in the building of the Jewish homeland and its capital." He lauded the rabbi as "a distinguished leader of the synagogue campaign, which nationwide has been the heart and soul of Israel Bonds since the inception of the Israel Bonds program."

Rose Luski Awarded

Rose Luski has been presented the 1992 LIGHT OF TORAH award given by Temple Israel Sisterhood for her many years of service to the Charlotte Jewish Community and to the Temple's Sisterhood.

Luski Granddaughters

Michelle Straz received the MOST OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD from her TI-Y chapter. Michelle is an active member of United Synagogue Youth and just recently was installed as vice-president of Temple Israel's TI-Y youth group for the 1992-1993 year.

Florie Straz has been installed as Vice-President for the Hanegev Region of United Synagogue. This region runs all the way from Florida to the Carolinas. Florie is attending United Synagogue's Youth Israel Pilgrimage this summer.

Anti-Defamation League Awards Dinner Greensboro, N.C.

Anti-Defamation League held its Testimonial Dinner at the Greensboro Sheraton on June 24. ADL Americanism Awards were presented to Lanty L. Smith and Leah Tannenbaum.

The keynote address was delivered by Clarence Page, syndicated columnist/editorial board member of the *Chicago Tribune*.

Robert C. Cone and Leonard J. Kaplan were co-chairmen of the event.

Lanty L. Smith, former president of Burlington Industries, is associated with Precision Fabrics Group, Inc. which was purchased from Burlington in 1988. Precision Fabrics has achieved strong growth and has created 250 new jobs in North Carolina and Virginia. Lanty is committed to equal opportunity, democracy and brotherhood.

Leah Louise Baach Tannenbaum was a recipient of the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for her dedication to brotherhood through tireless dedication to fighting bigotry. Ms. Tannenbaum's interests encompassed NCCJ, Head Start, United Day Care Services, Mobile Meals, Fisher Park Reading Program, the Council of Social Agencies, and Moses Cone Hospital.

Organizations

Outreach Expert Is Scholar-in-Residence, Sept. 18-20, Greensboro, N.C.

Reprinted from *The Federation News*, Greensboro, N.C., June 1992

by Debby Miller

The secret is out! The Council of Jewish Federations has finally published its highlights of the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey. The results are staggering.

- 54 percent of American Jewish children (over one million children) are being raised as non-Jews or with no religion at all.
- 625,000 Americans, born or raised as Jews, are now practicing other religions.
- Almost two million American Jews no longer acknowledge their Jewishness.

Save the dates of September 18, 19 and 20. Join the Greensboro Jewish Federation, Beth David Synagogue and Temple Emanuel in our first Community Shabbaton Weekend. Meet with, study with, and pray with Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald, a man who has confronted the problem and is doing something to stem the tide.

As director of outreach at Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue, Rabbi Buchwald has created and executed numerous nationally acclaimed breakthrough programs, touching the lives of thousands. His work has been emulated by institutions from coast to coast and has been featured broadly in the press, including acclaims from *The New York Times* and *New York Magazine*. The establishment of the National Jewish Outreach Program is the beginning of the fulfillment of his personal dream for a national effort by the American Jewish Community to eliminate Jewish ignorance and offer each and every Jew in America an opportunity to discover the beauty of Jewish tradition.

Ordained at Yeshiva University, where he was a student of Rabbi Dr. J. B. Soloveitchik, Rabbi Buchwald served from 1973 until 1988 as the director of education at Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York, which has one of the largest and most successful adult Jewish education programs in America. He also established and coordinated Lincoln Square's acclaimed outreach program. Since 1975 Rabbi Buchwald has led the now renowned "Beginners Service," a special Shabbos service for people with little or no synagogue experience.

In July of 1987, Rabbi Buchwald founded the National Jewish Outreach Program, an organization which sponsors Beginners Services, crash courses in Hebrew reading and basic Judaism, and coordinates "Turn Friday Night Into Shabbos" programs throughout North America. Through the National Jewish Outreach Program, Rabbi Buchwald hopes to provide a basic Jewish education and basic Jewish experiences for every American Jew. The response to these campaigns has been historic, and, in only four years, NJOP has already reached approximately 70,000 Jews in 38 American states and four Canadian provinces. NJOP programs have also been introduced in 13 countries worldwide.

Rabbi Buchwald currently serves as founding president of the Association for Jewish Outreach Professionals. He lectures widely and leads experiential programs in cities throughout the world. He and his wife, Aidel, are the proud parents of four children.

For further information, please call Federation office, (919) 272-3189.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool Has New Director

by Linda Zucker

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is pleased to announce that Esther Ackerman Leder will be joining the preschool in July as its new Director. Ms. Leder will be moving to Charlotte from Whiteville, N.C., where she has taught in the school system for more than twenty-five years. During those years she has had extensive experience working with elementary and preschool children as a teacher, director and counselor. In addition to this, she has developed and implemented an early childhood program for the Columbus County Library which provided important and enjoyable learning experiences for children throughout the county's day-care and headstart centers.

Ms. Leder has undergraduate and master's degrees in elementary education with an emphasis on early childhood development and is soon to be a Ph.D. candidate in counseling. She is trained to give and score the Gesell Developmental Assessment Test used to assist schools in determining the proper placement of children based on their developmental age. For the past four years she has been in charge of all preschool screening for the Whiteville school system.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Leder has held statewide office in the North



Esther Ackerman Leder

Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women and has also been active in both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts programs. More recently, Ms. Leder has taught a weekly class in shag and line dancing.

Esther Leder grew up in nearby Fort Mill, S.C. and her parents George and Sarah Ackerman, siblings and eldest son continue to live in the Charlotte/Fort Mill area. Of her three children, her youngest son, Benjamin, age twelve, will be making the move with her. Her oldest son is an accountant and her daughter is currently enrolled at UNC-Chapel Hill.

With her dynamic personality, outstanding credentials and experience, we are indeed fortunate to have Esther Leder as part of our preschool. We welcome her and her family to Charlotte.

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is a joint venture of Temple Israel and Temple Beth El. For more information about the preschool program, call the office at (704) 366-5007 ext. 254.

Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte

by Sue Brodsky

The Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies of Charlotte led a joint service for both Temple Israel and Temple Beth El on June 5, 1992 at Shalom Park. Students, teachers and board members of the Consolidated High School participated in the service, hosted by Temple Israel, which marked the close of the 1991-1992 school year. In conjunction with the service there was an exhibit of linoleum prints and tie-dyed *taleitim* in the Shalom Park Gallery.

One year ago an idea for a Post-Confirmation Class for juniors and seniors became a reality. The 27 student response to the class was overwhelming, and the 1991-92 school year found students discussing such relevant topics as Interdating, Intermarriage, The Palestinian Issue, Abortion and Jewish Life on College Campus. The class met monthly on Sunday evenings in students' homes, and guest speakers were often invited to facilitate the sessions. Either Rabbi Robert Seigel or Rabbi H. Scott White attended each session, sometimes serving as facilitators, but more important were always there to enter into discussions and to spend quality time with the students.

The Consolidated High School is very proud to offer yet another dimension to the Post-Confirmation Class. Beginning in September, the eleventh and twelfth graders will have the option of attending a weekly class on Wednesday evenings. The curriculum will include *History through the Bible, Jewish Literature* and *Medical Bioethics*. Registrations for the class are now being accepted.

For more information about the



Post-Confirmation Class students enjoy dinner at the home of classmate Alan Kirsch, son of Mark and Jean Kirsch, previous to a program on "The Palestinian Issue" presented by Dr. Harry Chernotsky, professor of political science at UNCC.

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Crown City Chapter of ORT Charlotte, N.C.

Crown City Chapter of ORT installed its new officers at a dinner on June 9.

The officers are: Ana Resnik, president; Lisa Kaufman, Florence Sperling and Kimberly Stone, vice presidents; Ellen Wysmuller, financial secretary; Lorrie Klemons, treasurer; Brenda Lutz, recording secretary.

ORT Projects Start in China

ORT, the global Jewish network for scientific and technological education, has established projects in three locations in the People's Republic of China to provide training in high-tech fields to local citizens.

The projects, conducted under the auspices of China's State Commission for Technology and Sciences and funded by the World Bank, are training technicians in computer design and production, microcomputer applications, computer tooling, and agricultural biotechnology in the cities of Beijing, Chongming (formerly Shanghai), and Jilin. ORT is frequently asked by international agencies or foreign governments to help set up educational or training projects in developing countries.

ORT Assists Kurdish Refugees in Turkey

ORT has begun assisting thousands of Iraqi Kurdish refugees who have fled Saddam Hussein's genocidal assaults by providing them with facilities and training in their haven in southern Turkey.

Using funds provided by Norway's development agency, ORT's International Cooperation Department has equipped two trailers to provide training in child health care, sewing, and the tool and die trades, skills of immediate use to the refugees for reducing infant mortality and as they struggle to eke out a living in what they hope are temporary quarters. ORT is frequently asked by international organizations and foreign governments to set up educational or sanitation projects aiding refugees or residents of poor areas.

Women's American ORT, an organization of 1000 membership chapters across the United States, has been in the vanguard of social and humanitarian action for 65 years, building schools and training students in communities around the world.

Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith

The Charlotte Lodge of B'nai B'rith held its Installation Program on June 17 at Shalom Park. Ken Stern served as emcee for the evening.

The following men were installed: Eric Levine, president; Scott Gorelick, immediate past president; Martin Goodstein, v.p. programming; Larry Horowitz, v.p. finance; Michael Yaffe, v.p. publicity; Barry Brodsky and Gene Marx, membership co-chairmen; Jacob Massachi, recording secretary; Murray Monosoff, corresponding secretary; Paul Klein and Lawrence Margolis, members at large.

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Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

New Lubavitch Education Center

The first of June was a day of excitement and jubilation at Lubavitch of North Carolina, as the grounds for the new Lubavitch Education Center was being prepared for construction.

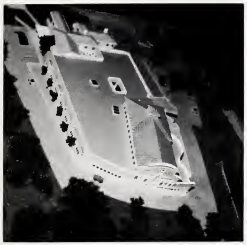
The new facility will provide opportunities for the teachers and students at Lubavitch Day School & Preschool. The 20,000 sq. ft. building will contain sixteen classrooms, a cafeteria and indoor recreation room. In addition, the building will boast a two-story multi-purpose room which will also serve as a performance theater and *shul*.

As the enrollment continues to grow at the school, the need for adequate space became a necessity. Thanks to a few courageous visionaries in the community, a beautiful parcel of land was bought on Sardis Road in southeast Charlotte.

The four-and-a-half acre site sits on a sloping field with a multitude of trees and plant life. Among the trees you may find Japanese maple, fig and pear trees, azaleas, dogwood and many more.

Lubavitch Preschool has been using the existing building for the younger students during the past school year. Of particular use, was the JEM BARON ARTS CENTER which was a delightful addition to the school.

The new Lubavitch Education Center will serve the local Charlotte Jewish community in a most meaningful way. There is no doubt that Jewish education will be raised to a higher standard with the completion of the new Center. If you would like to participate with a donation or dedication for the new center, please write to: Lubavitch Building Fund, 6619 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28270, or call (704) 366-3984.



Model of new Lubavitch school building at Sardis Road.

Maurice Berzack Library Dedication

Friends and family of the late Maurice Berzack from Johannesburg, South Africa, gathered at the site of the new Lubavitch Education Center to dedicate the new Lubavitch Library in his name.

The initiative came from Harry Berzack, leading industrialist in Charlotte, to honor his late father in a permanent way. Maurice Berzack was a household name in Johannesburg as he devoted his life to Jewish causes.

Mr. Berzack built a huge business in South Africa with branches and concerns all over the world. He was driven with the desire to succeed and a passion for growth. Although fully occupied in his business, he always made time for his true love—Judaism. His many achievements brought him fame and clout in his community, and he was elected president of the Federated Orthodox Synagogues in S.A.

On Sunday, May 31, Maurice Berzack was remembered for his outstanding legacy that he left behind. Present at the dedication was his wife Sylvia. Harry and his wife Felicity and their children Kevin and Nicky made their home in Charlotte.

The dedication included remarks made by Harry Berzack and Rabbi Yossi Groner. Rabbi Groner presented Mr. Berzack with a plaque which was permanently placed in the library. Harry Berzack affixed a new Mezzuzah at the library entrance. The library contains a huge selection of Judaica for young and old on a multitude of subjects.

Southeastern Lubavitch Conference

More than sixty-five Lubavitch Rabbis from the southeastern states gathered at the Chabad Center in Orlando, Fla., for the annual regional convention. The focus of the conference was on the extraordinary times we live in, which present extraordinary opportunities in Jewish education.

Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky, who represented World Lubavitch Headquarters, brought a special message from the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who has recently encouraged worldwide Jewry to heed to the sign of the times. As the world is moving away from the threat of global war and turning towards more constructive activities, it is time for us to recognize the signs of redemption which Jews have been waiting for for over two thousand years.

The Rabbi also devoted time for special prayers for the Rebbe and gave charity on his behalf for a speedy recovery from his recent illness. The Rebbe sent a flask of *L'chaim* to the participants. Rabbi Sholom Dubov, director of Chabad-Lubavitch in Orlando, made everyone feel most welcome with genuine southern hospitality.



Sylvia Berzack with her son Harry Berzack.

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Dr. Susannah Heschel Addresses The Ecumenical Institute

by Ruth Goldberg

The Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey College held a Gratitude Dinner and the twelfth annual Cuthbert E. Allen Memorial Lecture on May 24 at Belmont Abbey College.

Dr. Susannah Heschel, Abba Hillel Silver Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Case Western Reserve University, was the guest lecturer. Her topic was "Exile and Redemption: The Implications for Religious Dialogue." Dr. Heschel was introduced by Rabbi Dr. Israel J. Gerber of Charlotte.

Dr. Heschel is the daughter of the late Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel, philosopher, writer and professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Sylvia Heschel, a concert pianist in New York. Dr. Susannah Heschel has written two books, *On Being a Jewish Feminist* and *Critical Issues in Modern Religion,* and numerous articles and papers.

Dr. Heschel traced the history of Redemption in Judaism, beginning with the Exodus. God redeemed the Jews from Egypt, and God redeems the Jewish people in every generation, be they in Israel or the diaspora. The ultimate redemption will be "The End of Days"—the Messianic Era. Dr. Heschel pointed out that some phases of the Redemption theory are common to Christians and Jews. Where there are differences, however, there is a need for love, compassion and understanding.

The Cuthbert E. Allen Award for Contribution to Ecumenism was presented to The Rev. Dr. E. Glenn Hinson, David T. Porter Professor of Church History at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The citation and presentation were made by The Rev. Dr. Carlton T. Mitchell, Professor Emeritus of Religion at Wake Forest University. In accepting the award, Dr. Hinson talked about the "mutual irradiation of religions. . .that the light of God radiates from one religion to another."

The evening began with Sung Vespers at which Rt. Rev. Oscar Burnett, O.S.B., J. D., Abbot of Belmont Abbey, greeted the Ecumenical Institute. At dinner, Dr. J. William Angell, executive director, Ecumenical Institute, welcomed about one hundred participants. The Rev. Placid Solari, O.S.B., Belmont Abbey gave the invocation.

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by Lenora Stein, director

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and the splendour of the scrolls' presence. The exquisite lettering, the beauty of these ageless wonders, the consciousness of being in the same room with them quickly brought me to the realization that I had reached the absolute pinnacle of a long and happy career deeply involved with books. Could anything ever top this bibliographical moment? I doubt it.

I left the Shrine of the Book in awe. The adjacent Billy Rose Sculpture Garden seemed diminished by contrast, but strolling across the tip of the mountain plateau where it is located, with much of Jerusalem visible below us, we were reminded that there was much else in the city still to be savored. And we still had a little time left to do it.

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CORRECTION

We apologize for an error in the review of *Divided We Fall* by Philip Perlmutter in our May issue. Mr. Perlmutter points out that the word "plentitude" was not used erroneously; "plentitude" is listed in several dictionaries as a variation of "plenitude." (*Webster's 9th Collegiate* edition, *Webster's Third New International* edition, and the *Oxford English Dictionary.)*

Torah, Tarot & Tantra: A Guide to Jewish Spiritual Growth

by William Blank
Sigo Press (50 Grove St., Salem, Mass. 01970)
235 pp. paperback $16.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Rabbi William Blank has written a book which attempts to answer the quest of so many contemporary people for meaning in religion, and to serve as a guide in the search for God.

In *Torah, Tarot & Tantra,* connections are indicated between Judaism and New Age Spirituality, and between Judaism and various Eastern religions, as well as with depth psychology. Tarot is a set of playing cards with symbolic drawings depicting qualities which comprise all human experience. A reader evaluates what the cards indicate as they are dealt in a particular pattern. Through oracles there is understood to be a means of transformation.

Tantra is part of the Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Other eastern religions are also considered. In discussion of each of the many subjects dealt with in this small book, the author emphasizes spirituality. There are thirty-one "Experiences" outlined for the reader to perform. These are inserted at ends of chapters.

Rabbi Blank holds that Jewish mysticism is a part of the whole of the religion, not a thing apart. This is not in accordance to the teachings of the Vilna Gaon and other Ashkenazic rabbis.

The book is intended for the uneducated in religion, as well as for observant and informed readers. The experience of God is the goal the author offers to those willing to follow his lead. This guide might be useful for groups inclined to delve into the mass of information explored in this book. It is not for the skeptic.

Rabbi Blank was ordained at Hebrew Union College, and has studied and taught religion and depth psychology for over twenty years. He was the rabbi of a congregation for ten years and has written numerous articles on Judaism and spirituality.

The Theory and Practice of Welcoming Converts to Judaism

by Lawrence J. Epstein
The Edwin Mellen Press 154 pp. $59.95
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This book about conversion to Judaism is the thirteenth in a series of books about Judaism which includes books on the subjects of history, biography, religion, literature and politics. It deals with Jewish universalism, defined by the author in the first chapter.

The term as used by him designates a religious interpretation of Judaism in which welcoming converts is seen as central to the Jewish enterprise in history. There is a detailed account of the record of conversion to Judaism in which the theme is that converts were welcomed and even sought, whenever it was not dangerous to do so. There were periods when host countries forbade the practice by Jews, with dire punishment extending even to the convert.

The case supporting conversion today offers reasons which are demographic (to swell the American Jewish population), social and educational. Also mentioned are arguments against welcoming converts. Because Lawrence Epstein has written this book to encourage conversion of non-Jews to Judaism, he suggests plans for such efforts, and methods of making converts feel comfortable and accepted.

The Theory and Practice of Welcoming Converts to Judaism is carefully researched and written by the author who teaches English at Suffolk Community College, in New York, where he also teaches a course in Jewish Thought. Among his previous books is *A Treasury of Jewish Anecdotes.*

Troubling to me, besides the price of this book, is the fact that many of the reasons for the validity of Epstein's theory are the same as those offered by Christians who seek to convert Jews. The idea is to help and to welcome those who *wish* to convert; not to wage a campaign to win people away from their affiliations.

To Win the Promised Land

by Eliahu Lankin
Benmir Books 380 pp. $25.00
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

The struggle for Israel's independence during the ten years prior to 1948 is the story recounted by Eliahu Lankin in *To Win the Promised Land.*

The author writes of his activities as a member of the Irgun, an underground military organization. Hunted and imprisoned, he escaped and continued in his determined fight against the British, who were preventing immigration of Jews into what was then Palestine. Britain held the mandate and obviously favored the Arabs in their opposition to formation of the Jewish state.

While the Arabs were obtaining arms from the British, Eliahu Lankin succeeded, after failed attempts at

procuring substantial quantities of arms elsewhere, in buying from France, who did not look with favor on British influence in the Middle East.

The Irgun in the Diaspora was under his command after he finally escaped imprisonment in Africa. Jews throughout the world were appealed to for funds to finance the plans which resulted in the purchases of a 4,500 ton landing craft, the Altalena, and the large supply of arms. Lankin knew how desperately the Jews lacked supplies with which to fight the Arab nations, who attacked even before the declaration of statehood was announced by Israel. He still feels the cargo of the Altalena would have made Israel's victory more complete and less damaging in casualties.

The enormous enterprise waged over years was aborted when the ship was fired upon and set ablaze by the government forces of Israel.

This is not a pleasant story to read, and the years must have been dreadful to live, although the contestants were fired with zeal. We remember the reports we received of events seen differently from diverse viewpoints.

It may be impossible ever to learn the full and unbiased account of those years. It is difficult to understand how, with Britain doing its best to oppose the creation of the national Jewish homeland which the Balfour Declaration said it favored, and with the hostility of the Arabs, factions within Eretz Israel were not united.

From this distance it might appear to have been political, or were the ideological differences so great as to have caused civil war?

Eliahu Lankin was born in Russia, grew up in China, went to Palesüne in 1933 at the age of 19, where he immediately joined the Irgun. He became a lawyer after a few years in the Knesset, and served in numerous government positions, in the Israel Broadcasting Authority, as a member of the Board of Governors of Hebrew University. He was Israel's ambassador to South Africa from 1981 to 1985, and was chosen to be Ombudsman of the Israel Bar Association in 1991. He now practices law in Jerusalem.

To Win the Promised Land has been praised by esteemed authorities as a book which needed to be written. He is acclaimed as a hero, too modest for the role he played in reestablishing the State of Israel.

The reader is left to wonder if books will be forthcoming in response to his "Story of a Freedom Fighter." There is surely much more to learn.

Report on the Church

by Richard P. McBrien
Harper Collins 263 pp. $19.00
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Since Vatican II in 1963, changes have been taking place in the Roman Catholic Church. Not only has there been insufficient information in the ordinary news media, but individual Roman Catholics, to say nothing about the general public, have meager knowledge of directives issued from the Vatican in the past 29 years.

Richard P. McBrien, chair of the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, has been a leading spokesman for the reform movement within the Catholic Church. *Report on the Church* is a collection of weekly articles he wrote over the period since Vatican II, plus a final chapter entitled "The Future of the Church." He has also appeared on television's "Nightline" and CBS Evening News.

He discusses frankly the aims of the Vatican Council of 1963, and deals with controversial issues which he considers vitally important to the survival of the Church, such as ordination of women, marriage for the clergy, birth control and abortion.

Richard McBrien emphasizes the attitude of the Church to other Christian denominations and to non-Christian religions. He invites them to join in the mission of his Church to repair the world.

The Roman Catholic Church, he writes, combines all of its clergy, bishops and Pope included, religious members and the entire community in The People of God. All are called on to live the life they preach. "If we are truly the People of God, we must live and act like the People of God," advises Richard McBrien.

He does not hesitate to voice doubts or to point out opposition to reform amongst Roman Catholic spokesmen. He endorses the importance of ritual, liturgy and spirituality, but equally important, he says, is the fact that the religion is meant to be lived. A conciliar theme is *service* to human needs in social, economic and political spheres.

In his final chapter, looking to the future, he speaks of social and economic justice, referring to travels of John Paul II, the present Pope, to Third World countries and to the concern about "consumerism." "Riches and freedom create a special obligation," this Pope reminds us.

The population of the United States includes 50 million Roman Catholics, many of whom are alienated from their church. They would do well to support the progressive stance of the reformers within it, and those who read this book may very well be inspired to do so.

A Travel Guide to Jewish Europe

by Ben G. Frank
Pelican Publishing Co. 416 pp.
$15.95 paperback
by Estelle Hoffman

This book includes sixteen European countries, and Turkey. Interesting information is given about the places of Jewish interest in cities within each country.

The author reminds us of Benjamin of Tudela, who wrote similarly about his travels 800 years ago, and Ben G. Frank thinks of himself as Benjamin of New York.

He supplies history, maps, information about synagogues, museums, restaurants and famous people. There are many fine photographs throughout the book which whet the appetite for travel.

Not only is *A Travel Guide to Jewish Europe* an excellent guide, but it is a book that is interesting to read. An article on the Jewish history of Alsace-Lorraine written by Ben Frank was printed in a past issue of *The*

American Jewish Times Outlook, and he writes press releases for several Jewish organizations in New York.

We recommend this book as a bedside companion, as well as for its use in travel.

A. B. Yehoshua's 'Mr. Mani' the Very Stuff of Drama

by Joseph Cohen

Israeli writer A. B. Yehoshua's new novel *Mr. Mani* (translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin, Doubleday, $22.50) is his most accomplished work. Brilliantly conceived and expertly crafted, each of the five conversations which compose the entire book is a *tour de force* supercharged with intensity, energy and insight into the loaded circuitry of the human psyche and the generational hum of the human condition. This is the very stuff of drama: these conversations could all be staged with enormous effectiveness.

In 1985, when I first met and interviewed Yehoshua, he told me that two new directions were emerging in his writing: the use of "more experimental language" and the capacity to probe "more into psychology and human relationships without putting it into a symbolic context." To this he added the observation, "All of us have treated language not as an instrument but as a goal unto itself. Still, the subject matter has commanded our attention, it has loomed larger than the aesthetic forms, larger than the language because the subject matter grips us. Despite that pull, I have to go for innovation in the aesthetic forms."

In *Mr. Mani,* Yehoshua, using experimental language to probe into the psychology of human relationships, gives us gripping subject matter in an innovative aesthetic context. The context is the dramatic monologue, brought to a level of high achievement by Robert Browning in such famous poems as "My Last Duchess," "Fra Lippo Lippi," "Andrea del Sarto" and *The Ring and the Book.* Here, Yehoshua carries the form one step further: he turns the monologues into "semi-dialogues" in which there is a speaker and a silent partner whose utterances we never hear but to whom the speaker responds.

Despite the obvious demand of absolute clarity this technique puts on the author, these conversations are so natural and so compelling, that frequently the reader is subtly co-opted into assuming the silent partner's role, speaking the silent partner's words, carrying forward his/her side of the discussion.

The subtle co-opting which makes the reader a part of the action is all the more remarkable because the five conversations occur in different times and places over one and one-half centuries. In each instance, Yehoshua's ear, like Browning's ear, rings perfectly true. He authentically captures and conveys the precise sense of each time and place, although the voices are those of a young Israeli college student who thinks she is pregnant and is convinced the father of her boyfriend is about to commit suicide (an Israeli kibbutz in the Negev, 1982), a twenty-two year old German soldier convicted of cowardice after deserting his unit as it is decimated while parachuting into Crete (Heraklion, 1944), a self-serving, narrow-minded British-Jewish lieutenant serving with General Allenby's forces (Jerusalem, 1918), a stuffy Charles Bovary type of a thirty-year old Jewish country bachelor doctor in love with his sister (Polish Galicia, 1899), or a grieving forty-nine year old Jewish father who discovers that his recently self-martyred son was impotent and who, during the sitting of *Shiva,* impregnates his daughter-in-law to assure that the family line will continue, for which sin the father seeks his old rabbi's permission to kill himself (Athens, 1848).

In Browning's "My Last Duchess," the Duke of Ferrara gives us without realizing it, a perfect portrait of himself as murderer while describing the innocent young wife he has had killed. Subjective self-revelation is the great triumph of the dramatic monologue. Yehoshua's characters, like Browning's characters, vividly divest themselves of their weaknesses, idiosyncrasies, lunacies and transgressions in a never-ending Faulknerian panorama of human recklessness where failure and destructiveness confirm the distance the human family has yet to travel to sanity and *menschlichkeit.*

"The world would have its Manis," Yehoshua writes, and it is these various Manis who whether as protagonist or as catalysts in the speakers' lives bind the narrative together. However, the recurring generational appearances of these Manis is not the only glue that binds the stories together. Each speaker has a serious problem, one that is crying out for resolution; and each speaker is in conflict with the silent partner whose support or understanding is crucial to the resolution. The tension between the speaker and silent partner always escalates, moving the parties from stability to irrationality and, in a couple of instances, to hysteria.

Out of the compelling problem, the conflict and the tension, gripping suspense is created. In several of the conversations, with the revelations dropping like layers of clothing as the personalities of the speakers move toward nakedness (one speaker ends his conversation in the nude, having compulsively undressed the silent partner as well) the reader will find him/herself unable to put this book down until the outcome is revealed.

In his early years as a writer, Yehoshua garnered attention by the bizarre occurrences or endings to his short stories and novellas. "The bizarre" has always been a staple of his fiction. While it is a little more attenuated here than in his earlier narratives, it is certainly present, adding much to the entangled relationships of these characters who live with various experiences or knowledges of adultery, treachery, unrequited love, abandonment, murder, incest and suicide.

Obviously, there is a lot of human drama here, well-encapsulated in strong and sustained prose that is sometimes lyrical and sometimes metaphorical but always effective! In my view, with the publication of *Mr. Mani,* A. B. Yehoshua has once again

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HE HATH A BLEMISH

Leviticus 21:21

by Cynthia M. Chapman
Charlotte, N.C.

I

These holiness laws
irritate the modern
Torah reader,
splinter thoughts
into questions about
what ancient Hebrew
means here and now,
in plain English.

From the holiest
of holy places
the blemished priest
was banned
in Temple times
if lame, blind,
physically imperfect.

What poor Kohen,
father to a child
born blind,
the son so desired
to carry on tradition,
could cherish such rules?
What priest, himself bent
with age or crippled
by accident could
take comfort
in this weekly portion?

Oh, God, we wonder,
where is Your mercy,
Your compassion
that You demand
we push the less
than perfect
physically aside?

II

We have not described
ourselves through
the years, the ages,
like the others,
the goyim,
who made myths,
like the Romans
about twins left
to be raised by wolves.
We never left our aging
or infirm out in the woods
to die, and even the story
of Hagar makes us
spiritually squirm.

We pride ourselves
on our sons,
our daughters,
our doctors,
medical learning
as cherished,
it has often seemed,
as Hebrew.

This is, perhaps,
one of those Biblical
parts we simply
do not understand.

III

Magnifying glass
held in hand,
I bend over
to read the Levitical
lines slowly.
What of the priest,
today, the person
expected to be perfect,
flawless,
without deformity
of any kind?

Like my magnifying glass
we congregants
hold expectations
above the heads and hearts
of our religious leaders,
trying to see
everything clearly,
wanting to discern
true motives,
each sermon
microscopically
examined by some
specialist
in the pews.

We are human
in our religions,
leaders and followers alike.
We seek the spiritual
and see the misspelled
word in the bulletin,
we catch a collective
congregational breath
when someone trips.

The news media
abound with stories
of pedestals
shaken at the time
an idol falls,
when priests and
ministers and rabbis
tumble from the heights
where we placed them.
Most of us want
little less than a god
in human form,
all wise,
all powerful,
close to perfect,
whose decisions
like Solomon's
are good and right.
We want religion
as if compressed
for classroom study,
with heaven
for the fragile
top slide
and earth
providing the base,
a world transformed
and telescoped
by the power of
the human spirit,
or made into art,
like a static shape
sphered in glass,
a fragile flower
form protected,
but breakable
all the same.

IV

As a child one day
I listened to the advice
of a neighbor,
a child little
older than I was,
but old enough
to know that her
father's car
had safety glass.
I threw the rock,
watched the car's
rear window crack
and craze and shatter
my innocent illusions.
There was,
to my surprise,
no saving grace
to avert disaster
what once looked
perfect was now
flawed beyond repair.

V

Creator of all flesh,
how precious is Your Torah,
more rich in wisdom
than we who read it,
who study it,
with questions
and doubts
lodged in our minds
like something
we cannot easily swallow.

There is no
safety glass
for the spiritual search,
no static orb
to keep things
whole and perfect.

VI

Omniscient,
divine and patient God,
You see the slow struggle
we make toward goodness,
how awkward our attempts,
how uneven our steps.

We do not see
as You see,
overlooking
the iniquities
of all our
generations,
we cannot overlook
even the flaws
of someone before
us on the Bimah
or standing beside
us in prayer.

VII

In these days,
oh God,
who can serve You
with perfection?
Who can come
before You
without blemish?

Remember us with mercy
and compassion
in these days.
We have no Temple
or perfect priest
through which we
can approach You.
We stand before You
with prayer alone
and seek Your mercy.

National & World News Briefs

Environmental Summit

A delegation from B'nai B'rith headed by Warren Eisenberg, director of its International Council, attended the global environmental summit in Rio de Janeiro. The purpose of attending was to express the concern of world Jewry with environmental issues.

In addition, part of the mission was to observe whether the atmosphere of the international gathering has changed from that of previous meetings, in which hostile delegates attempted to divert attention from the focus to the Arab-Israel conflict.

We await news of the Environmental Summit and hope to report in our next issue.

Resurgence of German Arms Industry

German legal scholars have recently published information from files of German judicial proceedings during the Nazi and post-Nazi eras, giving evidence that pardons for war criminals were a condition of West German agreement to play a military role in the West's defense against Communism.

The charge has been made by Charles R. Allen, Jr., a veteran researcher and writer on the Nazi era. He alleges that the deal paved the way for the resurgence of German industrial power and rearmament. Allen states the entire command of West Germany's armed forces from the 1950s through the early 1970s consisted of members of the German General Staff under Hitler.

He says, "Hitler's military escaped prosecution for war crimes and helped lay the groundwork for rearmament." Though a latecomer to the conventional weapons market since World War II, Germany has now taken fifth place as an international arms supplier.

The writer claims that industry leaders in Germany have set their goal as domination of the world armaments market. He sounds a grave warning, which we hope is unfounded.

Survey in Former Soviet Union

A survey by the American Jewish Committee of attitudes towards Jews in the various states of the Soviet Union indicates primarily that it is now possible to make such surveys. Summarily, the report was that anti-Jewish sentiment in the former Soviet Union increased in the past year and a half.

However, many other ethnic and political groups are viewed more negatively than Jews. A total of 3,965 people were interviewed in ten states, with a questionnaire containing 144 separate items.

The report is extremely detailed and follows a 1990 study, the first of its kind. Before the Gorbachev era, no such survey was possible. The states included were Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

There was strong support in all regions for equal rights for Jews, varying from the lowest percentage (56%) in Uzbekistan to 95% in Estonia.

Regarding the Middle East conflict, sympathy for Israel is understandably far less in the Islamic areas which are Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.



Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev received PEACE CITATION from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev on June 17, 1992. The Citation was bestcwed on Mr. Gorbachev by University President, Dr. Avishay Braverman, in a ceremony at the Sde Boker gravesite of David and Paula Ben-Gurion in Israel.

Syria and the Peace Process

Recent Syrian actions seem to indicate a change in policy, notably Syria's involvement in the U.S. sponsored peace talks with Israel and the announcement that it was eliminating the restrictive laws on its Jews and would allow the approximately 4,000 Jews in the country to buy and sell property and to leave the country without hindrance.

Dr. George E. Gruen, adjunct professor of International Relations at Columbia University, was director of Israel and Middle East Affairs for the American Jewish Committee. He believes that the changes in Syrian policy are due to the loss of support from the Soviet Union, and the desire to improve relations with the United States. Furthermore, there has been a call by the European Parliament in the form of a resolution to free Syrian Jews unjustly imprisoned and demanding freedom for them to leave, along with all Syrian citizens.

In recent years, some restrictions have been eased. Syrian Jews may now travel freely within the country, but are still barred from government employment and public institutions, and suffer from denial of the right to dispose of property through sale or inheritance.

Jews are the only group whose religion still is shown on their identity cards, although the notation has been changed from red to black and reduced in size. Free emigration and travel to Israel is still barred for all Syrians.

The concern is that improvement in Syrian-U.S. relations may be used for an attempt by Syria to pressure the United States to exert influence on Israel to grant concessions on the Golan Heights. Syria remains on our list of nations that sponsor terrorism and its human rights record is abysmal; its involvement in drug traffic is well known, and it occupies Lebanon. Its use of $2 billion received from Saudia Arabia for joining the anti-Iraq coalition in the Gulf War for the purchase of sophisticated weaponry is ominous. Besides, it is reported that Syria is constructing facilities to produce Scud-C missiles.

There are signs of positive change. We shall watch for movement toward a free and democratic society.

Report of Convention of Rabbinical Assembly

At its 92nd convention, the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative rabbis met at Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. in May. Members launched a synagogue to church interchange, in the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots.

Speaking for the group, Rabbi Jack Moline of Alexandria, Va., who will head the program, declared that racism presents a great danger to us. "We must cleanse ourselves of the prejudices within all of us, whether anti-Semitism or racism," he said, and that we must get to know each other, not through such crimes as have occurred.

Eight congregations were already enrolled in the Southeast, New York, Los Angeles and New Jersey. The aim is to involve both clergy and laity, to "battle for people's hearts," in Rabbi Moline's words.

Rabbi Irwin Groner of Southfield, Mich., the Rabbinical Assembly's outgoing president, announced the intention of calling upon leaders to develop a national program for cities that will respond to the pain and bitterness that blights the lives of the deprived. He called upon the Jewish community to join the effort in shared concern in building the just society envisioned by the Prophets of Israel.

The Assembly also launched an outreach program aimed at intermarried couples, hoping to prevent such unions and to presuade non-Jewish partners to convert and raise children Jewishly. Chairperson of the appointed committee is Rabbi Avis Miller of Washington, D.C.

Newly elected president of the Rabbinical Assembly is Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer of Metuchen, N.J. He voiced his opinion that the root cause of intermarriage is the attraction of the secular-humanist culture in which we live, and added that rabbis seldom explain what Judaism offers in contrast. "It is necessary to devise a series of responses, intellectual and existential, which reach out to the best and the brightest in the secular world," he added. New pamphlets will be published. Efforts should be redoubled in Jewish education, youth activities, college programming, and providing for singles a reinforcement of Jewish loyalties, pride and knowledge.

Chairman Miller said she will create a program to involve Jews-by-Choice and those from limited Jewish backgrounds, reaching out especially to young people of high school and college age.

Beyond outreach efforts, a call was made for reinvestment of Jewish resources, financial and human, towards teaching the positive aspects of Jews marrying Jews.

TRADITION
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LENTIL LOAF

2 cups cooked lentils
2 cups tomato sauce
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
3/4 cup rolled oats
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. Italian seasoning
1/4 tsp. celery seed
Pepper and salt to taste
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Press into lightly oiled loaf pan. Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Slice and serve warm or cold as a sandwich.

Baltimore Vegetarians

FRENCH SILK PIE

1 cup butter (no substitute)
1 cup sugar
3 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted and cooled)
1 tsp. vanilla
4 whole eggs
1-9" baked pie shell
Whipped cream for garnish

Use electric mixer to cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Pour in chocolate and vanilla. Add 2 eggs and beat on high speed for 5 minutes. Add remaining 2 eggs and beat 5 minutes more. Pour into baked pie shell. Chill 6 hours before serving. Garnish with whipped cream.

Estelle Hoffman

NUT CAKE

1 cup butter, room temp.
1-1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs, separated
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup sour cream
Grated rind of 1 orange
1/4 cup orange juice
1/3 cup orange flavored liqueur

Cream butter and 1 cup sugar till light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolks. Sift dry ingredients together and add alternately with sour cream, stirring till smooth. Add orange rind and nuts. Beat egg whites till stiff (not dry). Fold gently into batter. Bake in 9-inch greased tube cake pan for 50 minutes at 350°. Test for doneness. Combine remaining 1/2 cup sugar, orange juice and orange liqueur and spoon this mixture over hot cake. Allow to cool in pan before removing. Freezes well.

Estelle Hoffman

ROAMING
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around like the peddlers (negative connotation as a bag of worries). It's still as true today as it was in the past. It will be true tomorrow. Yiddish won't take away the *pekl*, but it allows us to talk about the *pekl* in a way that seems to temporarily lighten the load. In our modern world, even a brief respite is greatly appreciated. Yiddish today, Yiddish tomorrow. Save Tibet? Only after we save Yiddish!

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BJH CRAFT SHOP BRINGS NEW LIFE TO RESIDENTS

There was an air of excitement in the Craft Shop on that special day. The residents, who are often seen in the shop working on items, had received a special invitation to attend that afternoon. Refreshments were served and door prize tickets were given out, a party atmosphere reigned and anticipation and curiosity spread through the crowd.

This was a special day planned by Esther Pearson, Fair Oaks resident, with the assistance of Catherine Smith, craft shop instructor. Speaking from the heart, Esther described what the Craft Shop has meant to her since she came to live at Fair Oaks in 1988. With both humor and sincerity, she called herself a "kalaka turned into a mensch" through the patient and caring instruction offered by the Craft Shop instructors, Catherine Smith and Lena Wall. Esther said she had never even painted before coming to Fair Oaks, and Catherine and the Craft Shop have given her so much. Proud of her accomplishments and the new meaning in her life, Esther presented gifts of her framed paintings to Lena Wall and Annie Jones, a sitter, in appreciation for the time and attention they have given not only to her but to all of the residents who spend many hours of their day in the Craft Shop and for whom the Craft Shop means new life.



Catherine Smith, Craft Shop painting instructor, is proud of her student, Fair Oaks resident, Esther Pearson. Annie Jones proudly displays the painting given to her by Esther.

Catherine Smith, a former home economics teacher, has been an instructor in the Craft Shop for 11 years. Lena Wall, her assistant, has been with the Home 19 years. Catherine teaches the painting

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Esther, left, presents a painting to Lena Wall, Craft Shop assistant.

Craft Shop (continued)

classes and Lena specializes in ceramics. Both work with the variety of needle work that is produced in the shop.

"Residents bring their own skills and talents to us," says Catherine. "The ongoing challenge is to meet differing levels of creativity, of physical limitations, and changing abilities." Catherine says the residents who come to the shop are those who enjoy being productive and who continue to try. They are people with strong personalities. "We focus on developing abilities and on socializing, not on disabilities," says Catherine. "The therapy of creativity is indisputable. I was told by a physician once that our work did more than any of his pills."

Residents also enjoy giving gifts of the crafts they make as well as selling their work, and families enjoy receiving such personalized gifts. Families, friends and staff are all active supporters of the Craft Shop and keep the residents busy trying to fill the many orders they receive for popular craft items.

Filling orders and filling lives are part of the daily activity taking place in the Craft Shop. It is a spot where individuals like Esther Pearson can feel proud to share what they have learned with others.

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Edward Buckner
Winston-Salem, NC
John Drake
Clemmons, NC
Bernard and Beatrice Goodman
Riviera Beach, FL
Kathryn Kestler
Winston-Salem, NC
Henry and Lottie Maienthau
New York, NY
Ann Nelson
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Jacob Williams
Winston-Salem, NC





***Above:** New Fair Oaks Resident, Beatrice Goodman (left), enjoys the beautiful day in the courtyard with a new friend, Fair Oaks Resident Shirley Shane.*



Above: Children from Temple Emanuel Pre-School are delighted by the clowns' antics at the Mayfest celebration.
Left: Lottie and Henry Maienthau, new Fair Oaks Residents, are enjoying the Mayfest activities in the courtyard.

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

BJH NEWS BRIEFS — Reasons To Celebrate

- **ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY** featured a flag-waving celebration sparked by pride, joy and enthusiasm at BJH on May 6. Rabbi Leah Benamy of Temple Israel, Gastonia, N.C., presented an inspiring slide lecture on the state of Israel. Merri Robinson, folk singer from Raleigh, N.C., captivated her audience with her beautiful renditions of Israeli and Jewish music.

- **THE BJH ANNUAL PARENTS' DAY BRUNCH** on Sunday May 10, was the perfect spot for families to meet and for generations to give honor to mothers, fathers, grandparents and great-grandparents. Everyone enjoyed the delicious brunch and the afternoon entertainment provided by the ever popular Razz-Ma-Tazz.

- **SPRING CELEBRATION** brought out our sporting best when residents, staff and volunteers attended this activity day sponsored by the Winston-Salem Recreation Department. Residents enjoyed trying their skill at games such as horse shoes and ring toss and watching entertaining performances from tap dancing to puppets to vocalists and instrumentalists while enjoying a picnic lunch in the fresh spring air.

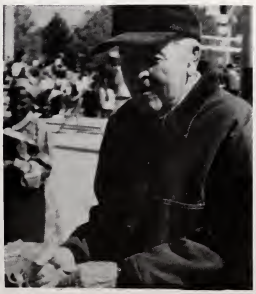


Rabbi Leah Benamy speaks to the BJH audience on Israel Independence Day.



Singer Merri Robinson chats with residents following her performance.







Above: Wayne Deiser, Director of Dietary Services, displays the bountiful tables prepared for the Parents Day Brunch.
Right: Fair Oaks resident Charles Lewis is a good sport as he participates in games at the Spring Celebration at Groves Stadium.
Far Right: Ruth Menins, Fair Oaks resident, enjoys a visit with her family at the Parents Day Brunch.

- **MAYFEST FILLED THE COURTYARD** on May 15 with a day brimming with excitement. A clown and a magician started the day off with just the right tone of trickery to the delight of residents, staff and children from the Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem Pre-School. Lemonade, popcorn and balloons were the treats to balance the tricks. Highlights of the afternoon courtyard events were the down-home music of The Stardusters, ice cream sundaes and bingo under the trees. **Hats were on in the courtyard on this beautiful, sunny day. Our hats are off to the BJH Recreation Department for this fun-filled day.**



This fun filled day in the courtyard was a treat for all ages, preschoolers, residents, and staff. Everyone had a good time and kept cool under their hats.













INTERGENERATIONAL SEDERS ARE A TRADITION AT BJH.

Celebrating the Passover holiday and sharing the seders with family, friends, staff and volunteers has become a rich tradition at BJH. The Commons was again filled this year with some who were observing their 100th seder while others were experiencing their first. Keeping with tradition, Sam Jacobson led the seders each night with the assistance of volunteers Andrew Ettin and Barry Strulson on the 2nd night. The Dining Services Department is to be congratulated for the elegant and delicious seder meals and the Activities Department for their assistance to residents and coordination of the program. Passover is a holiday of remembering and sharing. BJH provides a home where traditions can be shared and passed on from generation to generation.







Sharing the seder service and meal at BJH this year were those celebrating their first seder and others their 100th. Seen clockwise from the top are: volunteers Andrew Ettin and Barry Strulson; residents Virginia Popper and granddaughter, Ben Bruck and daughter, Bernice Roberts and visiting family.





SUE's NEWS

BJH Volunteers Go The **Extra** Yard



Eleanor Leverenz receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Sue Clein, Director of Volunteer Services.



Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, leads the Motzi during the invocation at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Our volunteers go the extra yard at BJH, and we measure their value in many ways. On June 2 at the annual volunteer appreciation event, recognition and thanks was given for all those "extras" the volunteers give to BJH all during the year. During this year, 1991-1992, over 100 volunteers provided more than 4,000 hours of service to our residents and our Home. We welcomed 17 new volunteers into our program this year along with organizations and groups who participated.

Eleanor Leverenz of Clemmons was the recipient of the "Volunteer of the Year" award for her outstanding volunteer service. Eleanor has given over 1,300 hours of volunteer service to the Home since she began volunteering in December, 1987. We could measure Eleanor's value by countless bingo numbers called, miles walked, hours chatting and friends made but, mostly, by her dedication and commitment to enriching the lives of our residents.

Flowers for hours were presented to volunteers giving over 100 hours to the Home during 1991-92. Recipients were: Millie Slatkoff, Lydia Thabet, Edna Temples, Rose Solomon, Darrel Mandelstamm, Tony Schwertfeger, Eleanor Leverenz, Evelyn and Roy Bascomb, and Janie Douthit.

Joining our 100-hour club and receiving BJH name badges this year were Rabbi Thomas Liebschutz, Rose Solomon, and Lydia Thabet.

Recognition awards were also presented to organizations which have provided exceptional volunteer service to the Home. Accepting for these organizations were: Amy Nicholson, President of West Forsyth High School Anchor Club and chairperson for this year's volunteer projects at BJH; Fred Van Pelt, President of Clemmons Kiwanis Club, for their monthly bingo game; and, Sandy Deckelbaum of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men for their dedicated and devoted service to the Home. Special mention was also given to Polly Strasser and the Greensboro volunteers whose value is measured not in miles driven or hours given but in the enthusiasm and joy they bring to our residents through their generosity of time and caring.

Yes, we can measure the value of our volunteers in many ways, and we thank them all for the caring and commitment they bring to this Home. Our volunteers make a difference in the lives of our residents. Our volunteers go the extra yard!

Our Volunteers We Measure Their Value In Many Ways, For Just A Sampling.



By library books delivered, Lydia Thabet.



By miles walked, Sara Lee Saperstein and Aaron Strasser.



By menus selected, Rose Solomon.









By general store sales, Millie Slatkoff.
By nails polished, Amy Nicholson (above right).

By photos snapped, Darrel Mandelstamm (above left).
By bingos won, Fred Van Pelt (above.)



By flowers blooming, Tony Schwertfeger.



By piano keys played, Edna Temples.



By hours shopping, Mary Siceloff and Grace Allred.







Students from Greensboro entertained for the birthday parties in April, May, and June. Pictured are high school Madrigal singers, Emily Sanders (center), and B'nai Shalom students (right).

CALENDAR FOR JULY

3 Pre-July 4th Celebration, Theme — "The Swinging 50's," entertainment by The Blue Moons, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

5 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

Leave for Tanglewood Park, Music at Sunset, "Royal Fireworks," Fair Oaks Lobby, 6 p.m.

7 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

9 Leave for Greensboro, Friendship Circle Meeting, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.

12 Brenner Concert, Music by Gayle, "Popular Songs," Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

14 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.

Clemmons Critters from The Clemmons Animal Hospital, Individual Units, 1:30 p.m.

16 Horticultural Therapy Seminar, Commons Aud., 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

17 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, Fair Oaks Lobby, 9:30 a.m.

20 Visit from the YWCA 4th Graders, 1:30 p.m.

23 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.

26 Brenner Concert, Israeli Dance Troop, Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

30 Blumenthal Jewish Home Fashion Show, Commons Aud., 2:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Hattie Bodenhamer
Mildred Gates
Rose Golden
Beatrice Hampe
Pansy Hammond
Rosa Kay
Geneva Neal
Jennie Novey
Sadie Parmet
Madalene Plyler
Sylvia Pressman
Willie Reynolds
Jane Rosenberg
Mickey Samet
Shirley Shane
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Jacob Williams

AUGUST

Hannah Ackerman
Minna Kurtz
Lee Sample
Therese Serxner
Emily Thomas
Myrtle Williard
Lena Zimmerman





Above: Julie Robinson, Greensboro volunteer, presents residents with carnations at the monthly birthday party.
Above Right: Rabbi Scott White, of Temple Israel, Charlotte, greets a resident attending his monthly Rabbi's hour program.
Right: Rose Germaine, receives an Israel Independence Day button, from volunteer Leah Strulson.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

2 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel of Winston-Salem, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

3 Visit from the YWCA 1st and 2nd Graders, 1:30 p.m.

4 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 2 p.m.

9 Brenner Concert, Clemmons West Bluegrass, "Bluegrass Music," Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

11 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.

Clemmons Critters from The Clemmons Animal Hospital, Individual Units, 1:30 p.m.

13 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.

17 Visit from the YWCA 3rd Graders, 1:30 p.m.

20 Leave for Greensboro, Friendship Circle Meeting, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.

21 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, Fair Oaks Lobby, 9:30 a.m.

23 Brenner Concert, Lois Horton, "Popular Songs," Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

28 Homemade Ice Cream Party, Courtyard, 2:30 p.m.





A new look for the Fair Oaks bathroom, filled with prom dresses, high heels, and shopping bags when the Anchor Club fashion show took place.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selection For Employee Of The Month



LYNDA ABRAHAMSON
Recreation Therapist
April, 1992

"It is important to keep a quality of life that has humor and fun, to remove people from thinking of their problems and to keep their interests alive." Lynda Abrahamson's philosophy toward her work is with her daily and both BJH residents and staff benefit from her attitude. Lynda brings to BJH not only a sparkle in her eye, a winning smile and a sweet personality but a deep sensitivity to the people she works with and to meeting their needs.

Lynda has been working as a Recreation Therapist at BJH since April, 1990. She has worked as the primary therapist on B-2 and is now serving the B-1 unit, but as a member of the activities team, interacts with residents and the recreation program homewide. "I was shocked at being chosen Employee of the Month," says Lynda. "As an activity department, we are like one. We collaborate in planning, working as a team to give input and to help each other with ideas. We are all different and have different strengths and are able to help each other with specific resident needs."

Afredia Thompson, Director of Resident Activities, says that Lynda is a great asset to the Recreation Department. She assists with planning, takes on a lot of responsibility and adds a lot of personality and joy to the department. "Lynda is very deserving of Employee of the Month and more," says Fredia.

Lynda Abrahamson grew up in Wisconsin and received her B.A. in Sociology and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Clair. She recently received her certification as an activity assistant. Before moving to North Carolina, she spent 5 years working with programs treating mentally disturbed adolescents and mentally ill adults. Lynda and her husband, Mark, moved to Farmington, North Carolina, in 1990 where he works as a lithographer. They enjoy gardening, camping and traveling and Lynda enjoys attending art shows with Mark.

Lynda says she enjoys the diversity of residents she finds at BJH. Having discussion groups with residents from all over the globe brings different perspectives, and both she and the residents learn from each other. She feels like the residents are her extended family and says that they have a comfort level with her and will often come to her office to talk. "Each resident is different, and you need to have an understanding of their comfort level and their needs when you respond to them," says Lynda. "My successes can be small and not noticeable to others, but I can see progress in a laugh or smile."

BJH congratulates Lynda Abrahamson, an employee who brings smiles, laughter and the joy of living to the lives of our residents.



Leonard Guyes, Audrey Madans and Herman Blumenthal, enjoy the BJH Board of Directors retreat held at Wildacres in May.



Afredia Thompson, directs the BJH singers in a musical tribute to the volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in July and August:

JULY

19 Years
Lena Wall, *Craft Shop*

10 Years
Penny Pierce, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*

8 Years
Rory Blackwell, *Housekeeping*

6 Years
Sue Welch, *RN, B-1*

4 Years
Ann Canter, *LPN, A-Wing*

3 Years
Lori Driscoll, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*
Melodee Rash, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*
Lessie Smith, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

1 Year
Carol Bock, *Recreation*
Novella Harvey, *Dietary*
Tad McClamrock, *Dir. of Maintenance*
Jonothan Wright, *Dietary*

AUGUST

15 Years
Marie Doty, *Housekeeping/ Laundry Supvsr.*
Betty Petticord, *Allied Health Coord.*

13 Years
Jean Garland, *Nsg. Asst., FO*
Ellen Hughes, *Allied Health Asst.*

12 Years
Lois Call, *LPN, FO*

9 Years
Vicky Donley, *Nsg. Admin.*
Kathy Williamson, *Unit Mgr., A-Wing*

8 Years
Mary McLaurin, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

7 Years
June Sealey, *RN, B-2*
Janet Sowers, *Dir. Computer Ser.*

5 Years
Jesse Clawson, *Maintenance*

3 Years
Mo DaSilva, *LPN, A-Wing*
Wayne Dieser, *Dir. Dining Ser.*

2 Years
William Anderson, *Housekeeping*
Cathy Burrell, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Harry Cooley, *Maintenance*
Betty Honeycutt, *LPN, FO*

1 Year
Joan Armstrong, *Housekeeping*
Bobbie Dubose, *Dietary*
Karla Jacobsen, *Dietary*
Frances Kennedy, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Mitzi Malinzak, *Administration*
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Jesus Sanchez, *Housekeeping*
Bruce Schlosberg, *Dir. Development*
Gladys Stephenson, *RN, B-1*
Pam Snowden, *LPN, B-2*

CONGRATULATIONS TO BJH STAFF

Executive Vice President, Donald J. Morris — who has been appointed by the chairman of the State Health Coordinating Council (part of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services) to serve as a member of the Acute Care Committee; and who has been appointed by NAJHHA (North American Association of Jewish Homes and Housing for the Aging) to serve on its task force on role and scope.

Controller, Lydia Sparrow — who has been elected President of the Winston-Salem YWCA Board of Directors.

Director of Nursing, Patsy Petree — who has been appointed to the Forsyth Technical Community College Advisory Committee for Nursing.

Director of Marketing/PR & Volunteer Services, Sue Clein — who has been elected Vice President of Public Relations for PRAVA (Piedmont Regional Association of Volunteer Administrators) and has become a charter member of TRLA (Triad Retirement Living Association).

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Jack Belton
Gaither Eller
Harold Friedman
Lela Harrison
Deborah Jaffe
Hazle Knouse
Ruth Moff
Effie Paschal

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

DOR L'DOR
Generation to Generation
by Marvin Bienstock

(NOTE: As part of its commitment to helping Jewish communities in the Carolinas meet their needs around the issues of the elderly, the Blumenthal Jewish Home has helped Columbia, S. C., to establish a monthly support group. This report of the group's first meeting is reprinted from the Columbia Jewish news.)

Some arrived a half hour early. Most stayed and talked for almost an hour after the first monthly meeting was supposed to end. All agreed there is a need for Dor L'Dor, the pilot project for those concerned with aging issues, co-sponsored by all the Jewish institutions in Columbia, S. C., and resourced by the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Dor L'Dor will meet again June 24th, 7:30, at the JCC and will continue to meet the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The pioneering men and women who came out for the new program were a cross section of ages, issues, the affiliated, the unaffiliated. When they divided into groups based on common shared problems, they chose as topics: 1) Caregiving at a distance; 2) Caregiving to parents living in the community; 3) Dealing with illness; 4) Caring for parents who had not been caring parents. It was hard for people to choose one group. Many felt that they wanted and needed to be in two or even three of the groups. That's why they stayed afterward to hear what they had missed and, more importantly, to share what they had given to and gotten from their group.

The evening began with the description of Dor L'Dor as a group designed to be a resource for information, for education; a place to exchange experiences and knowledge with others who understand. As one participant said, "it isn't a therapy group, but it can surely be therapeutic."

The introduction was followed by an overview of the conflicts in caregiving. Alison Schlenger, a geriatric social worker in Columbia, framed the issues. From the Blumenthal Home, Skinner McGee, a social worker, Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing, and Bruce Schlosberg, Development Director, added their perspectives. Over and over, their observations — some poignant, some painful — evoked ripples of laughter, murmurs of agreement and whispered conversations among members of the audience.

When the time came for questions and, later, for the shared-problem discussion groups led by the panelists, it was as if everyone present had been given permission to express themselves with the sure and certain knowledge that whatever they chose to ask or to share would be accepted. "People said things they have held in for far too long," said another participant. "They discovered they are not alone in what they think and feel."

Everyone responsible for Dor L'Dor learned a great deal from this first meeting, and, as a result,



Marvin Bienstock and Bruce Schlosberg chat at the Board retreat at Wildacres.

future meetings will be even more fruitful. The opening presentation will be short and tightly focussed on its chosen subject. In June, "Long-Term Care Insurance" is the topic. More time will be devoted to questions and discussion by the group as a whole and to the shared-problem groups. At least one of the discussion groups will be open-ended. Participants who choose to be in this group will be free to raise and explore the full range of aging issues.

Throughout the evening people mentioned friends, co-workers and others who "should have been here." Some had been hesitant to take the chance. Some weren't sure they were "invited." Some didn't think they "needed to talk about these things just yet." Some weren't ready to talk about what **is** happening to them right now.

"We need to tell them that everyone is wanted and needed,

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Dor L'Dor (continued)

that there is no risk, and that it's never too soon to talk about problems that can show up overnight," said a participant. "They need to hear what it was like for us tonight. They need to hear that we want to be and will be here for each other and for them, whenever they want to be a part of Dor L'Dor."

All those who heard this statement nodded their agreement. Don't be surprised if you get a call from one of them urging you to come on Wednesday, June 24, 7:30, at the JCC. If you don't get a call, maybe it's because no one in Dor L'Dor knows you are dealing with aging issues. Won't you please come on June 24th and let us hear about and share your concerns?



Congratulations to co-chairmen, Bert Lynch (left photo) and Al Herman (right) for producing a most successful 4th annual Greensboro "Mensch Sports Night". The event was a sellout thanks to the efforts of committee members and the generosity of supporters. Thanks to contributions from winners as well as guest speaker, Wake Forest basketball coach, Dave Odom (center), the profits from this Mensch Night surpassed previous years.

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Editorial



In Awe

by Cynthia Chapman

High Holy Days and autumn. The morning dew on the car windows is thicker and there is the briefest hint of cooler evenings. High Holy Days, that period of holiness represented by those mysterious words printed on even the most ordinary calendars. No one unfamiliar with Jews or Judaism can ever figure out how to pronounce them. Is Yom Kippur printed on the right day? If you're lucky you'll find a note that the holiday begins at sundown and continues the next day. Christmas gets marked by *Christmas Day* on many calendars. Everybody knows when Christmas Eve comes; even the weather describers on television forecast the arrival of reindeer. How can it be missed or confused? But Rosh Hashanah is as unfamiliar to the non-Jewish world as Juneteenth is to the non-African-American world. Everybody else seems to think that days begin at dawn; we Jews pay attention to sunsets because of the language of the Torah (Bible). Trying to explain it to the uninitiated is almost as complex as explaining why temples sell seats for the High Holy Days.

"You have to *buy a seat* for the holiest day of the year?" is an approximation of the usual response. "But anybody can go to a church service for free!" The churches are packed at certain times (Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, for example) even if pews are sparsely filled the rest of the year. People come to synagogues in a similarly sporadic fashion, for High Holy Days, Passover, or a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Memories, family, history, social pressure and a zillion other factors combine to make Christians and Jews pour out of their homes and separate themselves from secular lives a few times a year, to immerse themselves in the shades of spirituality and ritual, to stuff themselves with foods that symbolize that bonding between family and child. Any parent can tell you that a child away from home, whether for summer camp or a semester at college, will return home and eat everything in sight that is familiar, those favorite family dishes that warm the taste buds in the mouth and the memory synapses in the brain to an ideal setting, as if the emotional thermostat inside us all could be readjusted to the perfect temperature (at least for a little while) with the right serving of something on the plate.

Christians pass the plate every Sunday and also ask for money for mission funds, building funds, outreach programs and so forth. Jews, because of different attitudes toward the Sabbath, and proselytizing in general, underwrite the expenses of community and synagogue life through asking for money in different ways and at different times. The rabbis taught that handling money on Shabbat diverts one's thoughts away from God and holiness, so in synagogues on the Sabbath a collection plate is not passed. Alternative ways of fundraising are required rather than passing the plate each week among the faithful and captive audience. So temples sell subscriptions, as it were, to the performance given top billing for the year. You want to see Perlman perform with the symphony? You pay a higher price to be there than if it's Mr.-Nobody-You-Ever-Heard-Of performing. If you want to be in a synagogue to hear Kol Nidre sung, what do you do? You buy the ticket. No matter whether the organization is religious or secular, it won't survive if the members don't support it. If you want to contribute toward the health and well-being of a religious body, you have to help provide the vitamins. Some prefer the one-a-day types and some want the super-dooper Maximum-Vitamins-and-Minerals (If-These-Don't-Make-You-Feel-Healthy-Then-Nothing-Will-and-You'll-Pay-a-Small-Fortune-for-This) brand. Whether you prefer the time-release capsules or the citrus (or so the label claims) flavored kind, the idea is the same. You take and use what you hope will work best for you.

Each religious system addresses its human body in a way that works, however well or poorly at any given minute. Each system reflects the culture of the members. Jews, who suffered risks of persecution and death for hundreds of years for performing conversions, simply do not expect a stranger to appear at the door seeking entrance. If a stranger wanders in, the door won't be shut in his or her face. The language of the Passover Seder, for example, encourages all those who are hungry to come in and eat. Likewise, anyone can attend church services. No matter where you go, if you're in unfamiliar surroundings, you're likely to get some curious looks from those regular congregants in-the-know.

The emphasis is on open doors. Open church doors are an invitation to conversion and membership in that particular religious body. Come once, so goes the logic; you might like us, you might "welcome Jesus Christ into your heart," and you might come back. But the Jewish response to the curious stranger has historically been much more cautious because of the lessons of history. There has been more than one convert to Judaism who has betrayed another Jew to the authorities, whether in the days of Rome or in the days of Hitler. Persecutions and deaths have followed. While Jewish history has taught Jews to be wary of the possible convert (after all, you don't need to be Jewish to have a place in the world to come, according to Jewish belief, so why should anyone want to convert), it has always dictated welcoming the stranger in our midst.

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Exterior view of the sanctuary of Temple Israel at Shalom Park, Charlotte, N.C. Photo by Alan S. Goldberg of Charlotte.

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Letter to Editor

Re: Page 5, "Tradition in the Kitchen"
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Schvarzadick Redfish Recipe

I sincerely hope no inexperienced cooks tried to make the above-referenced recipe! In accordance with instructions to keep letters to the editor as short as possible may I say: WOW! 14 tsp. cayenne pepper, together with 1-1/2 tsp. black pepper! for 4 redfish fillets. Surely hope there were gallons of cold water available to put out the fire in the mouth!

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ED. NOTE: *Recipe should have read 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper. Please forgive a hot typographical error!*

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The Origins of Rosh Hashanah

by Arthur Waskow

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Like all the holidays, Rosh Hashanah began with a fairly simple purpose and description in the Bible. From there, the Jewish people developed it, unfolded it, into a many-layered festival for meeting both spiritual and communal needs. The Book of Leviticus proclaims: "In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, there shall be a solemn rest for you, a sacred convocation commemorated with the blast of the ram's horn. You shall not work at any of your ordinary labor, and you shall bring a fire-offering to the Lord" (Lev. 23: 23-25). Here the important note seems to be that the seventh month (like the seventh day) is to have sabbatical overtones of solemn rest and ceasing work, with the Shofar blast a special calling to this special Shabbos. The overtones are of renewal, not of newness; of refreshing the year, not of beginning it. The phrase "Rosh Hashanah" does not appear.

By the time the Jews had suffered the destruction of the First Temple and had wept and sung their songs in Babylon, the first of Tishri took on a new meaning. The simple thread was woven, twirled, embroidered into a richer fabric of renewal.

After their captivity in Babylon, part of the Jewish people returned to the Land of Israel under the leadership of the political Nehemiah and the high priest Ezra. It was the first day of the seventh month (about 485 B.C.E.) that Ezra chose as the date on which to convoke the people to hear and understand the Torah, the core of Biblical teaching which many had forgotten. At "the broad space in front of the Water Gate," they gathered to hear the priests and Levites read the scroll and explain the meaning of the more obscure passages. The people began to cry as they realized how far they were from living a life according to the Torah. But Ezra and the Levites told them to celebrate instead, "to eat rich food and drink sweet wine and share with whoever had none." For the day was a holiday, and their rediscovery of Torah should be a joy to them. It was a day to change their lives and turn toward God—but not to mourn their past misdeeds. So the people celebrated "because they had understood the words that were declared to them" (Nehemiah 7-8).

Some scholars believe that deep in the background of this celebration at the Water Gate, this renewal of Israel's knowledge of the covenant with God, stood a Babylonian holiday. Every year, according to this theory, the successful conclusion of the Babylonian harvest was an occasion for pledging renewed obedience to the Babylonian throne. Learning of this custom of the Babylonians either before the Exile or during it, the Jews both borrowed and transformed this coronation—lifted it on high to assert that only God is the true King, and that every year we recognize and celebrate God's power. During the next several centuries—through the great upheavals of Hellenistic rule and Maccabean rebellion, Roman overlordship and the Destruction of the Second Temple, the Bar Kochba rebellion and the decimation of the Jewish population of Palestine—the Jewish community worked out what it meant to enthrone the King of Kings.

By the time the existing practices of the Jewish people were organized and written down in the law-code of the *Mishnah* (about 200 C.E.), the rabbis had concluded that if the new moon of Tishri is when God again is crowned the King, then the new moon of Tishri is also when the King passes judgment upon the world, through either renewing life or passing sentence of death on human beings. There are days of judgment as well: at Passover, the rabbis said, judgment is executed through plenty or scarcity of grain; at Shavuot, through plenty or scarcity of fruit; at Sukkot, through plenty or scarcity of rain. Each of these days of judgment for humans came to be understood not as *a* new year, but *the* new year: Rosh Hashanah.

Once the rabbis had decided that the first of Tishri was the head of the year, they saw it as the key moment to establish the orderly procession of time and the orderly process of a decent human community. On the one hand, they worked out the rules of evidence for the sighting of a new moon and thus how to decide when a new month begins. On the other hand, they worked out the rules of order in the relationship among all those human beings who must obey God's royal will toward justice. And linking these two—order in God's time and order in our communities—the rabbis heard the call of the ram's horn, the Shofar. So the rabbis worked out in careful detail the order of blowing the horn that calls from God to humankind, from humankind to God.

About 300 years after the law-code of the *Mishnah* had been written down, the rabbis brought together their own commentaries on the *Mishnah* into what then had become known as the Talmud. By that time, the idea of obedience to God the King had been shaped into a powerful metaphor of the decent relationships that human beings owe each other. If all of us are subjects to the one transcendent King, then no earthly king or boss or overseer, no president or premier, can truly rule us. Then each of us owes the others the respect due to an equal—and the redress due to an equal whom we damage. Thus the rabbis wrote, "One is judged on Rosh Hashanah and one's doom is sealed on Yom Kippur. . .Four things cross out the doom of a person: righteousness expressed through gifts of charity; prayerful supplication; change of name; and change of conduct."

Three of these actions—righteousness in giving; prayer; and decent conduct—are mentioned in the Rosh Hashanah prayers themselves, and have become the keys to our expe-

rience of Rosh Hashanah. The Talmud reminds us that the fourth one, change of name, goes back all the way to Sarah, foremother of all the Jews, whose name was changed by God. This method of averting doom was dropped out of the Rosh Hashanah prayers—perhaps because the rabbis came to feel it was too easy to change one's name rather than one's life path. Or perhaps they felt it was God's prerogative to change a person's name—or essence. But a few traditionally minded modern Jews who see their names as an index to their deepest identities have been encouraged by this passage to reconsider their names on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah—and indeed sometimes to rename themselves that day, by asking to be called up to the Torah by a new name.

For a much larger section of the Jewish community, the Rosh Hashanah period provides a strong stimulus for undertaking the other three transformations—remaking their lives, refreshing their charity, and reconnecting with their spiritual roots.

Tradition in the Kitchen

Rosh Hashanah Dinner

by Estelle Hoffman

I cannot remember a time when all of our family did not eat our evening meal together. When father came home from work, my sister and I sat with our parents at the square kitchen table and ate supper, when we were young, and dinner, after we changed the name of the meal.

After my marriage, dinner continued to be a meal we ate in unison, with conversation in varying degrees of good humor, according to the day's events. Parents and children joined in at least the one meal each day.

Lifestyles changed, and family dinners in many homes occur less often. For those of us who still enjoy cooking, baking and serving, holidays are still dinners to be shared amongst dear ones, sometimes gathering from afar. Rosh Hashanah brings memories of dinners past, with old fashioned recipes and traditional foods. Remember the wedges of apple to be dipped in honey, for a sweet year to come.

We offer here a menu for a dinner easy to prepare. Bake the cake and make the soup in advance; roast the chicken whole, and there remains only one dish which takes a little time to prepare, the vegetables with barley.

MENU

Wine and Challah
Apples and Honey
Chicken Soup
Tossed Salad
Roast Chicken
Shredded Carrots, Peas, Mint with Barley
Honey Chiffon Cake
Tea

SHREDDED CARROTS, PEAS, MINT WITH BARLEY

2 tbsps. pareve margarine
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 cups cooked barley
1/3 cup chicken broth
2/3 cup shredded carrots
8 ounces frozen peas, partially thawed
1/8 tsp. pepper
3/4 teaspoon dried mint

In a medium-size skillet, melt pareve margarine. Add onion and saute until lightly browned. Stir in barley and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover skillet and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Spoon into a warm serving dish. Serves 4.

Rodale's Basic Natural Food Cookbook

HONEY CHIFFON CAKE

4 large eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup corn oil
1 lb. honey (1½ cups)
3 cups all purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup cold coffee

Beat eggs and sugar. Add oil and honey, blend well. Combine dry ingredients and add alternately with coffee. Very lightly grease a 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Then turn oven down to 300° and bake for 1 hour. When done, don't invert. Cool cake before removing from pan.

This recipe also can be baked in four 8 inch loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes, then at 300° for 45 minutes or more.

Cake is a little moist and sticky when done, but there should not be raw dough on toothpick used to test it. Cake can be frozen.

Ruth Goldberg



THE LIGHTS
by Jared Mark Green

As I sit in the Temple
The lights abound on all sides.
I feel lonely.
Then, I feel the love of the people.
Praying, watching, caring,
The death, the life, the abundance of each,
Shining, glimmering, yearning
In the Yahrzeit candles.

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LIFE
by Jared Mark Green

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE
AND WHERE WILL WE GO
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF EMOTIONS
TOUCHING, CARING, FEELING, LOVING,
AND PAIN
AND WHAT DO WE HAVE TO GAIN
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.
IS TIME JUST AN ILLUSION
ARE WE JUST A PART OF SOMEBODY'S
DREAM
WHAT IS LIFE AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.
IF THE WORLD WAS AT PEACE
NO PARTING OR SEGREGATION
WOULD WE BE A CLOSER NATION
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.
SO MANY QUESTIONS REMAINED
UNANSWERED
AND THE ANSWERS ARE YET TO FIND
BUT YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT THESE
ANSWERS
MAY BE LYING IN YOUR MIND
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE
AND WHERE WILL WE GO
I DON'T KNOW
I DON'T KNOW.

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This doesn't mean that Jews make it *easy* for the stranger. If the uninformed and unaware walk through the doors of a synagogue to find out what High Holy Days are all about, he or she will find that English is not the only language used, the books go in an opposite direction, there is almost nowhere to find an empty seat, and the odds are that the stranger will feel he or she is in a very strange land indeed. That stranger will probably leave bewildered, not at all certain whether to try to come back or not. Jewish liturgy is as overwhelming to the newcomer as Catholic or Episcopal ritual is to the country-church Baptist. There are plenty of people who feel more than a little lost in unfamiliar religious services. The spectrum of Jewish life reaches from what is commonly known as Orthodox to Reform with all sorts of variations from temple to temple and from individual Jew to individual Jew. In similar fashion, Christian life includes the denominations of Lutheran, AME Zion, and many others, yielding wide variations of what it means to be Christian in belief and practice. Ask someone to explain the history of the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches and their differences. Then ask someone to explain the differences between Orthodox and Reform Judaism. Your guess is as good as mine as to which explanation would take more time or leave the listener more confused.

It's often easier to focus on the basics, but gives one a very limited view of things. How can one compare, for example, the austere fast of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, with the lip-smacking indulgence of Cadbury Easter eggs and marshmallow bunnies and chicks bright with color? Christians commemorate the crucifixion and the suffering of one-for-many with Paas egg dyes and green stuffed baskets after the self-restraining days of the Lenten season. Jews, with holidays shifting around year to year (shifting Easter in tandem, much to the confusion of the Christians who do not understand its chronological umbilical cord link to Passover), worry about whether the fast will be long or short, depending on how early the holiday comes. The spiritual undertone of the term the rabbis use, the Days of Awe, is downgraded by the familiar term, High Holy Days just as for Christians, the meaning of Christmas is lost in the Xmas that sprouts up like a weed in unexpected places. Each holiday has a mixture of customs associated with it, some obviously religious and some more secular.

For all the differences, the effort that we as human beings make to elevate ourselves, for a few hours, for a few days, above the yawning chasm of the everyday (the malaise that Walker Percy described with his Catholic perception) is still important. Even when we know individuals who are more concerned with wardrobes than spiritual well-being. Even when our institutions, religious and otherwise, fall far short of our hopes and aspirations. Even when the pressures lead choir directors to exhaustion and ministers and rabbis to professional burnout and frustration. For all the differences, for all the less-than-ideal conditions, there is still hope that we can lift our lives for a while, that our hearts can be balmed with hope, that our communities can come together, however briefly, to stop all the human grumbling we so often rumble out (like unruly stomachs waiting to be fed) into the universe.

This year, when the melodies evoke something that only the melodies of the Days of Awe awaken in me, I will celebrate and mourn the vanishing of another year, with its happiness and pain wrapped up together in my heart and memory. I will think about the color of carrot *tzimmes* and the color of the persimmons on my mother's tree, as I imagine them, soon, soon, plopping down soft and smushed as the chill of the first really good frost transforms their mouth-puckering bitterness to sweetness. I will think about the richness of autumn when the new year comes alive with possibilities and hopes for a good, sweet year for those whose calendar is Jewish.

What I seek are Holy Days, *all year long,* days when I am awed by the presence of something larger than myself and my own small concerns. It is this same yearning, I know, that draws so many to various religious services and structures, whether it's at church, temple, mosque or shrine, whether it's often or infrequently. It is perhaps a feeling akin to this yearning (born of the awareness of the human condition) that leads people to feel connection when tragedy comes, whether it comes through natural disaster or human frailty.

This is the essence of *all* human life, that we stand individually before our Maker (whether we acknowledge religious life and institutions or not, with little difference made about which calendar we use to divide the months and years) and hope for a life of blessing and peace. We stand under heaven in moments of both sorrow and joy. Blessing and peace is what we all want, no matter how different our views of God are. Even those among us who do not believe in a God want a good life. Even those who disrupt the lives of others with violence and pain must still want for themselves something sweet in life. How could it be otherwise? We are, after all, all human. Abraham even pleaded with God for the lives of those in Sodom and Gomorrah, those legendary cities of vice. How difficult it is to ask for compassion and kindness for those who, seen through our perceptions, seem so devoid of it themselves!

When the Shofar is blown, as the seasons shift, I pray that the year will be one of sweetness for us all, Jew and non-Jew. May the High Holy Days lift me in renewal to a sense of holiness, for ever so brief a moment.

May I focus on the premise of *teshuvah*—return, repentance, turning away from all which was less-than-perfect in my life during the last year and moving toward something, engaging in some effort toward an increase in holiness—that is what my heart aches for during the Days of Awe.

The promise of ultimate compassion that Jewish liturgy describes, allowing us year after year to try again where we have failed; that hope that we will be given another year of life to strive toward being a little better person, to act with more understanding, to show a little more compassion, to move a little closer to doing what we believe God wishes us to do—this is what gives me hope, even in my imperfec-

tions, this is what amazes me, this is what fills me with awe. One of the most uplifting attributes of God, according to both Jewish and Christian thought, is the element of compassion and mercy the Divine Creator has for all beings and the imperfection that being alive and human implies.

Our humanity binds us together and our differences separate us all the same. And, make no mistake, there are differences. The Jewish conception of the individual's relationship with God focuses more on action and *teshuvah* than faith. The Christian conception, in contrast, emphasizes faith and grace and although good works are encouraged, it is faith that is the dividing line.

As I focus on the prayers, may I remember that only I can answer for me. I am only one, a singular, fallible person, and I speak only for me. Given the right frost this year, perhaps even the bitterness within our many hearts will turn sweet. Maybe what begins in the autumn, in the time of the new year, will reach blossoming by the springtime, when the year feels new to many. Some flowers need to be planted in the fall, some in the springtime. God willing, may a sweet year be inscribed for us all, and may there be much blossoming in the days ahead.

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Israel and India

In December of 1991, major steps marked the reversal of India's animosity towards Israel and the beginning of a new era of improved economic, social and cultural relations.

India adhered to an anti-Israel policy for a variety of reasons, foremost of which was the desire to win Arab support in India's struggle with Pakistan over Kashmir.

From the end of the 1930s, the idea of a Jewish state in Palestine was met with hostility by both Hindus and Muslims, who argued that Jews had nothing to fear from the Arab majority. They did not consider Zionism a genuine national-liberation movement.

In a publication by the American Jewish Committee, *Israel and India: A New Beginning,* Murray Gordon asserts that the judgment of the Indians was an outgrowth of their ignorance of the link between the Jews to Palestine. The attitude grew worse during the administration of Indira Gandhi. India sided with the Arabs in the United Nations on all matters of concern to Israel, voting for the resolution equating Zionism with racism in 1975. In December of 1991, India voted to repeal that resolution.

The collapse of the Soviet Union redefined political alignments in India, as elsewhere. Now the government in New Delhi has become dependent on the United States and the West for military hardware, trade and investment, and its policies towards Israel have changed. India and Israel would both benefit from expanding trade and tourism, and Israel could help India's defense needs. Other interests are shared, including the threat of the spread of Muslim fundamentalism.

2,451,601
bagels.

10,228,000
cups of coffee.

45,878
pounds of lox.

1,751,773
smiles.

We hope you had a good year, too. Happy Rosh Hashanah and peace for the new year.

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Roaming the Past with David Schulman



Silly things, small stories, and inconsequential events. . .or are they?

My father, Sol Schulman, says he never really expected a "nadan" when he married my mother, Lillian Zheutlin, but he was surprised by the "nadan" he got. In Europe a "nadan" or dowry was very important; the poorest brides had a "nadan" even if collected by the community. My father was given a special dowry by Mom's aunt, Edith Kendal, and Mom's mother, Devorah Pliskin Zheutlin. One feather pillow. Dad was told that the pillow had been brought from Poland and was already very old in 1937. "Just rest your 'keppeleh' on these soft feathers and all will be well," Dad was told. The enormity of that "nadan" was always a private joke in my family over the years.

I now have that pillow. It must be well over a hundred years old. I have come to the conclusion that Mom's "nadan" was indeed worth a fortune. On those stressful days when life overcomes me, I lie down and cover my eyes and forehead with that pillow. It is a buffer from a cold, cruel world. The pillow doesn't cure my problems but allows me to temporarily escape and gather my thoughts, rest, and heal.

What is your special possession? I used to think little items that people clung to were silly and useless. As life becomes more clear to me, I realize that those special things are not silly. They are what life is really all about.

Your special things don't even have to be material possessions. They can be precious memories or a familiar phrase somebody says today that throws you back to when your father or grandfather or first grade teacher said the very same thing. It can be a recurring episode in your life that to somebody else was not even given a second thought but to you was a major chunk of your childhood.

David Schandler had a small grocery store on Oak Street in Asheville, North Carolina. Even the street doesn't exist anymore. I don't remember when David was young. When my memory of him opens up, he was old and his son, Aaron, was mainly running the store. My family would drive fifty miles each way to obtain kosher meats and foods from Schandler's. Aaron called his father, Pop. Pop associated me with his grandson, Stevie, and everytime I walked in, Pop's eyes would light up and a giant neon grin would emerge.

"Stevie, he would say, "how about a nice slice of corned beef?"

I was a shy kid and never corrected Pop Schandler. What was important was the taste of fresh corned beef off Schandler's slicer and the offer of it. Fannie Jenkins is a black lady that worked for the Schandlers so long she outlived both David and his son, Aaron. Fannie never failed to ask about everybody in our family, even our extended family. Her genuineness showed through like a flawless ruby. Even now when I see Fannie she asks the same loving questions in a somewhat Jewish intonation. Mrs. David Schandler would usually ask us upstairs over the store where they lived for a glass of tea before our journey back to Sylva. I am nearly forty-five and I still search in vain for the taste of the slice of Schandler's corned beef. Nothing compares. I know why. In that slice of beef was a rare ingredient in society today. Unpretentious caring and a genuine show of community. That scenario is a prized possession of mine, though it exists only in my mind now.

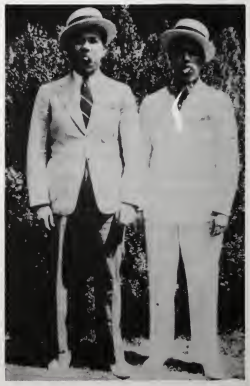
Jerry Dave of Asheville called me the other night to tell me a little vignette about when his father, Joseph Dave, and Dave's employer at the time, Siegfried Sternberg, sold a wagonload of eggs. They needed to sell the eggs quickly before they spoiled. By the grace of G-d, a peddler showed up and bought them all. Sternberg and Dave looked up to the sky and thanked G-d for their good fortune. When they looked down the road they saw the peddler's horse stumble. The wagonload of eggs crashed to the ground. The peddler was given back all his money.

What is important about this story is not the magnitude of the event but the warm and wonderful feeling that it evoked from Jerry Dave retelling it. Even over the phone lines, I could feel it. The day long gone, the participating characters of the story, gone. Yet the story lives and the love that materializes out of it cannot be destroyed. A prized gift out of what must have been a horrendous day years ago.

Ed (Chick) Rosenberg of Atlanta and Asheville has another prized possession which is a material thing. He has an old book about 5" x 7" in size entitled, *Beating the Stock Market*, written by R. W. McNeel and published in 1929. Ed has had this book for over half a century and praises its good common sense approach to the ups and downs of investing.

In the foreword it says, "To the bankers and brokers of the 'street'

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"The Million Dollar Pillow Mystery," Sol Schulman (L.), Jack Schulman (R.).

The New TEMPLE ISRAEL at Shalom Park

Charlotte, N.C.

by Cynthia Chapman and Lois Schneider

Just as the ancient Israelites contributed their efforts, time, energies, and their gold jewelry to create a building to house their religious dreams, so the congregation of Temple Israel has contributed time, effort and money to build a new home. Over the past few years a dream has turned into a bright, beautiful reality. There is a new Temple Israel at Shalom Park. It is everything we hoped and worked for. We can now greet each other there with great joy over what we have accomplished together.

The official synagogue dedication, scheduled for Sept. 13 at 2:30 p.m., is an event to which the entire community is invited.

Prior to the dedication, the festivities will begin with a Torah March from Holocaust Square at Dilworth Road to the new building. The Torah March will symbolize the transition from the old site of Temple Israel to the new building, and from the past to the future. After the Torahs arrive at Shalom Park, they will be passed among all the past presidents until they arrive at the front of the new building. This Torah procession, an act carried out in the past by many congregations in many lands, serves as both a symbolic and emotional link with the previous history of the *shul* and its congregants. We can look at photographs from other times and other places, in Poland, for example, and see this tradition which we carry on. It serves as a symbolic passing of our heritage from one place to another.

A *mezuzah* will then be hung at the front door and the final cornerstone will be set. Cornerstones from both the Seventh Street *shul* and the Dilworth Road *shul* are in place in the new Shalom Park building. The new cornerstone will go above them at the front entrance.

Following the ribbon cutting, everyone will move indoors for the program. Speakers will include a representative from United Synagogue, Rabbi H. Scott White and Sol Jaffa. A reception will be held in the Social Hall following the program with music provided by VIVA KLEZMER!

Bronze medallions, of both the new and Dilworth Road *shuls* will be available for sale as permanent mementos. They feature graphic representations of the buildings. These are certain to be treasured keepsakes in the years to come.

Weekend Festivities

The dedication will be the high point of a weekend full of celebration which starts with family services on Friday night and special Shabbat services on Saturday morning in the new sanctuary. Sisterhood is holding an Art Auction Saturday night, Sept. 12.

Congregation members are invited to participate in a bake-in Sept. 9 and 10 in the new Temple kitchen to help prepare for Sunday's reception. Please contact Judy Miller if you will bake, (704) 542-5921.

Gala Dinner Dance

The celebration doesn't stop that weekend. There will be a Gala Dedication Dinner Dance held on Saturday, Sept. 26 and it promises to be an evening to remember.

The semi-formal event will take place in the Leon and Sandra Levine Social Hall and will feature the distribution of a special building dedication journal. Events will begin with the Havdalah service. A cocktail hour will follow and will lead into an elegant gourmet dinner and dancing to the music of Larry Farber and his band, "Now and Then." Catering will be provided by "Glorious Cuisine." More than 350 people will be in attendance and it will be a night when our new building and our congregation shine!

The commemorative journal, prepared under Jerry Levin's guidance, will be distributed at the gala, but for those who cannot attend, copies will be available to all congregants following the gala.

Ginger Snitz and Alan Sussman have made certain that this Dinner Dance will be a night that will long be remembered in the community.

About the Building

Lee Nichols Associates were the architects for the new building and D.C. Turner Construction Company built the building. The big, bold, bright building features stained glass windows in the main sanctuary which depict Biblical themes and events from Bereshit to the giving of the Torah (from Creation to the Ten Commandments). Using motifs including the dove from the flood, a representation of Jacob's coat, a pyramid, and other graphic depictions, the windows provide a splendid spiritual link between the building, our heritage and our Torah.

A new feature in the building is the door over the Ark. The door which is carved with the Ten Commandments can be raised before services, revealing a curtain over the Torahs in the Ark. Another new addition to Temple Israel is improved accessibility for people with disabilities, including a wheelchair accessible ramp leading



View of the front entrance of Temple Israel.



The Ark, Candelabra and Eternal Light from Dilworth Road are installed in the new chapel.

to the *bimah*. There will also be increased functionality throughout the new building. The sanctuary will accommodate the entire congregation for High Holy Day services.

Other parts of the building have been designed and constructed to meet the needs of the congregation in ways the old building on Dilworth Road could not. The new *shul* is obviously bigger; it is also far more flexible than the Dilworth Road building. As much as we loved Dilworth's T.I. with its feel of the decades gone by, we were often cramped for space. In the new building, for example, the Social Hall is bigger and can be divided into three sections. There is a very large kitchen which will allow the preparations for Oneg Shabbat foods as well as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other parties.

The new administrative wing contains offices for the rabbi, youth director, and all administrative personnel; a large meeting room which can be subdivided into three parts; a small kitchen; Sisterhood Gift Shop with an attractive display area; a *mikveh* for ritual immersion; a spacious room for brides' wedding preparations.

Outside on a terrace there is a permanent Succah frame that will accommodate the congregational celebrations during the week of Succot.

One of the real delights of the new building is the chapel which features the round stained glass Mogen David star design from the Dilworth Road building, visible from outside the main entrance as well as inside the chapel. The Ark from the Dilworth Road building is part of the chapel and a marbleized decoration of the Ten Commandments adorns it. The chapel on Dilworth Road always provided a close, *haimish* (sometimes even crowded) feeling at minyan time or at Tishah b'Av. This positive community feeling will be enriched and heightened by the beauty of the new chapel.

The new Temple Israel is indeed a blessing to the community and a superb materialization of the congregation's collective dream. The vision that started with the New Synagogue Building Campaign begun in the fall of 1986 has materialized into what Morris Speizman described in one of his memos as chairman of the Building Committee. We have together built a building that is "beautiful, useful and adequate to our needs." Indeed, it is much more. As Sol Jaffa, current chairman wrote, "five years of dreaming, planning and working have finally come to fruition. The results have exceeded our most optimistic expectations."

So many people have worked to make the hope a reality. So many have given their time and energies over these years. Every dollar given to the Building Fund and every minute spent working together on this project is appreciated. Without the leadership of Sol Jaffa as chairman of the building committee we would not be where we are today. Harry Swimmer and Sam Strause, his able co-chairmen, headed fund raising efforts. Bill Gorelick put his time and effort into the planning and construction. David Miller gave his construction expertise. Marvin Barman and Shelton Gorelick watched over the investments to make sure that the congregation got the most good out of its money. And how could the move out of the Dilworth Road *shul* have taken place without the direction of Ben Jaffa, Jr.? We appreciate the efforts of the many people who served on the original building advisory committee and on the building committee. Many of their ideas and plans are integral parts of this building.



Work in process on the interior of the sanctuary. *All photos by Alan S. Goldberg*

Kibbitzing—Community News

Temples

Agudas Israel Congregation Hendersonville, N.C.

by Richard Aronson

The Agudas Israel Congregation's Annual Meeting on June 28 highlighted the end of a very successful year for the Jewish community in Hendersonville, N.C. Our membership grew with the addition of six new families. The synagogue is going through a beautification process which includes changes inside and outside to our grounds.

Attendance has steadily grown at Shabbat services. For the summer months, we were fortunate to have Cantor Joseph Krissel to lead us in our Shabbat morning services.

At the annual meeting, the election of officers for the 1992-1993 year was held with the following results: re-elected to another 2-year term were President Morris Kaplan, Vice-President Morris Kalin, Corresponding Secretary Anne Kaplan, and Recording Secretary Bob Schimek; elected to 2-year terms were Treasurer Larry Diamond and 2nd VP Kalman Sherman.

Our Brotherhood has been conducting breakfasts with guest speakers on a variety of subjects of interest to the Jewish community. They have planned a number of day trips (including one to the Blumenthal Jewish Home) for our members. They have also held a number of game nights with activities enjoyed by all participants.

The Ladies Auxiliary has had an extremely busy year with a dinner-dance in honor of Anne Kaplan, a Chanukah party, Hebrew classes for both beginners and advanced students, a women's Bible class, a Purim party, a welcoming luncheon for more than 65 women in the synagogue and many other activities. One Friday evening service was conducted by members of Gladys Diamond's Hebrew classes. As usual, the fundraising activities of the Ladies Auxiliary have been extremely successful and they have donated in excess of $1300 to the JNF as well as other donations to local and Jewish charities.

For the new year, the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary are: Audrey Rubin, president; Shirley Diamond, 1st VP/ways and means; Naomi Becker, 2nd VP/programs; Doris Greenberg, secretary; and Lee Librett, treasurer. Summer resident representatives are Dorothy Cohen and Ruth Moldovan. The Auxiliary held an Installation Luncheon/Fashion Show at the Highland Lake Inn with 120 women in attendance.

Agudas Israel mourned the passing of the following members during the 1991/1992 year; Joseph Zucker, Sophie Turley Lessing, Louis Heller and David Appelbaum.

Our president, Morris Kaplan, was honored for his contribution to the Henderson County Public Library. Morris has been chairman of the Library's Board of Directors for 24 years. The new multi-purpose auditorium is to be named the "Morris Kaplan Auditorium." According to Library Director Bill Snyder, "The honor of having his name on the auditorium is for far more than service to the Library. It includes a life of work, concern and dedication to our community."

News from Kinston, N.C.

by Mrs. Sol Schechter

The Kinston-Greenville Chapter of Hadassah elected the following officers for the 1992-93 year: Mrs. Bramy Resnik and Mrs. Sol Schechter, co-presidents; Mrs. Martin Kass, vice president; Mrs. Irving Ertis, secretary; Mrs. Michael Page, treasurer. We are looking forward to a successful year. All quotas were filled last year, even though they were way above the national per-capita average.

Now for an abundance of good news. Ida Kanter was blessed with a second great granddaughter whose parents are Amy and Fred Webster, and grandmother is Sylvia Kanter Kaler, all living in Atlanta. Sandy Cooper, Ida's grandson, was engaged to Wendy Miller, and they will be married on Oct. 3. Sandy's parents are Jerry and Jean Cooper from Atlanta. A hearty Mazel Tov to all.

Congratulations to Paula and Arthur Stadiem whose son, Alan, had his Bar Mitzvah. Alan did a great job and everyone enjoyed the happy occasion.

Harriet Chused is thrilled that her granddaughter, Michelle Jean, whose

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parents are Dr. Howard and Suzanne Bearman, is engaged to Seth Wolnek of Huntington, N.Y. The wedding will take place in Birmingham, Ala. on May 16, 1993.

Harriet, Suzanne and Howard also attended Nathan Bearman's graduation from the University of Massachusetts. They were proud that he had graduated *magna cum laude*.

Naomi and Martin Camnitz reached a special milestone—their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children, Dr. Paul Camnitz, Marc Camnitz, Laura Brody and their spouses, gave an unusual "Cruise Party" at the Kinston Arts Council to celebrate the happy occasion. Relatives and friends had a super time.

We extend our best wishes to Edes Page and James Vojta, and Karen Kass and Keith McCarter who were recently engaged. Karen is the daughter of Emma Kass and Edes is the daughter of Nan and Michael Page. May the engaged couples enjoy many years of good health and happiness together.

Good luck to Andrew Rabhan who received his M.B.A. from Duke University with honors. Andy is married to the former Nancy Page, daughter of Sarah Page.

We are delighted that our Rabbi David Rose has fully recovered from his recent operation. May G-d grant him good health from now on.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom Bluefield, W.V.

by Susan Sapinsley

Congregation Ahavath Sholom of Bluefield, W.V., celebrated its "Five Chai," 90th Anniversary year, the weekend of June 12 and 13, in the synagogue and with a dinner at a local country club.

Guest speaker for the weekend was Rabbi Richard Sternberger, recently retired executive director of the Mid-Atlantic region of the UAHC, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

At Shabbat services on June 12, Rabbi Sternberger shared the pulpit with Rabbi E. L. "Bert" Sapinsley, the congregation's spiritual leader, and installed the following officers: Norris Kantor, president; Dr. Stephen Raskin, first vice president; Dr. Kathleen Wides, second vice president; David Katz, secretary; Calvin Deitz, treasurer; and Harry Finkelman, assistant treasurer.

Additional congregation board members installed were: Vickie Epstein and Sara Werblin, co-presidents of Sisterhood; Harold Fineberg; Fred Gilbert, immediate past president; Max Kammer; Marsha Platnick; and Rabbi Sapinsley. Sisterhood members served an Oneg Shabbat following services.

During the service, 44 single and/or couple members were recognized for 25 or more years of congregation membership; this was some three-fourths of the total congregation.

Those attending the Saturday night dinner were treated to an excellent meal as well as an address by Rabbi Sternberger, who praised the efforts of local congregants in maintaining one of the few remaining active synagogues within the southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia area. (Officially begun in 1902, the congregation has been affiliated with the UAHC since 1948, with the Sisterhood a Reform one since 1929. However, the diverse backgrounds of members are recognized, with worship becoming more traditional as requested and needed.)

In opening remarks, Rabbi Sternberger recognized Rabbi Sapinsley and his wife, Susan, for their work and dedication to the congregation; Rabbi Sapinsley will retire in December 1992 after 17 years of service.

Confirmation

Jennifer Fineberg, daughter of Ellen and Harold Fineberg, completed her Confirmation studies with Rabbi Sapinsley in early May; because she was tentatively scheduled to leave before Shavuot, her formal Confirmation was set for Friday night, May 15, when she shared in leading the service and was recognized for her excellent pre-Confirmation work the previous two years.

B'not Mitzvah

Paula Galumbeck, daughter of Annabelle and Robert Galumbeck, became a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 30, having also led services with Rabbi Sapinsley and her uncle, cantorial soloist Barry Strulson, the night before. During her sermonette, Paula touchingly referred to the then known fact that she was Rabbi Sapinsley's last Bat Mitzvah in Bluefield.

Then unbeknownst to Miss Galumbeck, another Bat Mitzvah had been privately planned for Shavuot on Sunday morning, June 7. The following Religious School teachers led services with the rabbi: Vickie Epstein, Delores Freedman and Dr. Joel Schor, the new Alef Class; Harold Fineberg, the Gimmel Class; Marjie Flanigan, the Dalet Class; and Susan Sapinsley, music and the Bet Class, who had been studying to become a Bat Mitzvah the month prior to Shavuot and fulfilled that goal during Shavuot services.

Teachers, Sisterhood and Religious School parents arranged a dairy luncheon immediately after Shavuot services which were attended by 15 of the 16 enrolled this past year, as well as those mentioned, and other congregants. Each student and teacher received a "Tov Maod/very good" certificate from Mrs. Sapinsley, supt.

Sisterhood Officers

Those elected at a June meeting of Ahavath Sholom Sisterhood to serve for 1992-94 were: Vickie Epstein and Sara Werblin, co-presidents; Cindy Bear, secretary; and Linda Miller, treasurer.

High Holy Days Musician

Dr. Lynne Mackey, head of the Bluefield College music department, has been engaged by the congregation as choir director and musician for the 5753 High Holy Days. A concert pianist, Dr. Mackey is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music and holds a doctorate from the Eastman School of Music. J. P. Jardine, a Bluefield College music professor who directed the synagogue choir for many years, retired in April, recommending Dr. Mackey. At a college retirement reception, he was formally recognized by the Bluefield synagogue with a proclamation, a monetary gift, and with a small library of Jewish music and prayer books from Rabbi and Mrs. Sapinsley.

Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Lynne Cojac

Though excitement begins to run high in every Temple's congregation at this time each year, probably no new year has been anticipated with greater excitement than this one at Temple Beth El. This marks the culmination of thousands of hours of meetings, brainstorming and man-hours for our newly completed Temple building and sanctuary at Shalom Park. High Holy Day services will be held in our new home this year; erev Rosh Hashonah-Sunday night, Sept. 27; Rosh Hashonah-Monday, Sept. 28; Kol Nidre-Tuesday night, Oct. 6; Yom Kippur-Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Our Dedication Weekend will not occur until Oct. 9, 10 and 11. At that time, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, vice president of UAHC, will be the guest speaker for our Friday Shabbat Services. Tickets are now being sold for a formal dinner reception on Saturday, Oct. 10 and featuring international comedian, David Brenner. Sunday will include a family day of festivities in celebration of our new Temple.

If all that activity is not enough, the planning for our Annual Wildacres Retreat on Labor Day Weekend has been under way as well. Arthur Kramer, our Religious School educator, is coordinating this event. Rabbi Robert Seigel and guest Rabbi Robert Lehman will lead off Saturday's activities with "How Did We Get From Here to There?" (the migration pattern of Jews in America). There will be children's activities, adult activities, bingo and other games. We will celebrate a Havdalah service and enjoy a cocktail party hosted by our President Michael Gold. On Sunday night there will be a surprise "big show."

Moving to our new location has required extra work and loyalty from all our regular volunteers and Temple staff. Special appreciation to Dee Tucker, Betty Crawford, Ethel Gordon and our new Temple Board for all the extra T.L.C. during this time.

Our thanks are also due to all those who supported our Silent Auction held June 27 at Lucielle's Vogue. It was a "fun-raising" and profitable social event for the Temple. Proceeds will help equip our new kitchen with utensils and necessary table appointments. The success of the event was due to expert auctioneering by Phil Joffe, our gracious host, Richard Roskin, as well as the efforts of the ways and means committee and its volunteers, the companies who donated goods and services to us, and those who worked at, bought tickets to and attended that evening.

Congratulations to our newest Bar Mitzvah boys, Jeremy Knox (8/1), Blair Blitz (8/22), Justin Oxman (8/29) as well as a Mazel Tov on the baby naming of Jessie Sara Gordon, granddaughter of Ethel and Alan Gordon (8/7/92).

Our September Bat Mitzvah is Mollie Neuman (9/12) and our Bar Mitzvah is Matthew Burstein (9/19).

The Social Club continues to be quite active. Sisterhood is also gearing up for a busy year. The choir has been rehearsing under the direction of Gil Pirovano since the end of July. The blending of the new "pipe organ" with the choir and our cantorial soloist, John Blizzard, promises to be spectacular.

Sincere wishes for a healthy and happy New Year on behalf of our entire congregation. Please come see us in our new home!



Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Charlotte, N.C.

by Honey Kridel

The 1992-93 officers were installed by Ethel Gordon on June 3. They are: Seena Binder and Peggy Rovman, co-presidents; Iris Friedlander, VP program; Lisa Kaufman, VP membership; Lynne Cojac, Delores Astern, Ruth Lubin and Gert Rosenberger, VPs fundraising; Brenda Lutz, treasurer; Ana Resnik, recording secy.; Rhonda Nestle, financial secy.; Helen Rosenbaum, corresponding secy.; Honey Kridel, publicity; Edith Cojac and Shirley Fytelson, Oneg Shabbat.

Many new ideas were submitted by the large number of members present. Sisterhood will have a variety of meetings—day, evening and Sunday brunch—to accommodate the schedules of the members.

Rabbi Robert Seigel gave the invocation at the meeting.

The guest speaker was Gabrille Hardman, an astrologist, who discussed the good and bad of all the signs of the Zodiac. Rabbi Seigel explained how the Hebrew months of the calendar compare to the signs of the Zodiac, and how the Jewish holidays and the signs of the Zodiac are compatible.

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A social with game-playing was held in August.

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Temple Beth ha-Tephila
Asheville, N.C.
by Marjorie Schachter

The Sisterhood

Rabbi Ronald Bluming recently accepted a new post in Johnston, Pa., and everyone was invited to a special Sisterhood Oneg on Friday, June 12, to bid him and Phyllis farewell, and to wish them good health, success and happiness in their new home.

Sisterhood sponsored a Shabbat covered dish supper on July 24, prior to services. Quantities of typically super Sisterhood food were consumed by an appreciative crowd. Laura Hruska did a fine job as chairperson.

Thanks were extended to Cele Resnick for so effectively arranging our annual installation luncheon and meeting at the Country Club of Asheville, and to Brenda Lebensburger for making the facilities available.

Sisterhood chairwomen list additions and corrections: Helen Pozner, membership; Rosalie Schrier, good & welfare; Rose Rose, Sisterhood Onegs; Jan Rosenberg and Fran Aaron, telephone; Muriel Marks, gift shop; Betsy Katell, Uniongrams; Hilda Pozner, Religious School liaison.

The Brotherhood

On May 12, the morning after his talk to the congregation on interfaith marriage, Rabbi Stephen Fuchs of Nashville addressed the annual Isaac Lichtenfels Interfaith Clergy Institute on "What Every Christian Should Know About Judaism." This and the preceding evening's talk were co-sponsored by Brotherhood and the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

At the Brotherhood brunch, on June 14, the following officers for 1992-1993 were elected: Les Schachter, president; Frank Gilreath, vice president; Ted Rose, secretary; Dick Braun, treasurer. Frank Gilreath will continue as program chair, and Sid Schochet as chair of Chautauqua. Stan Marks is sad and glad chair. Other board members are Fred Hoffman, Herb Schiftan, Gerry Haller, John Fligel, Bob Janowitz and Arnold Sgan. The brunch featured the musical group Braidstream.

The new Brotherhood officers were installed during services on June 26.

The Religious School

Last spring, Jean Hansman, the new school principal, attended a weekend Religious School workshop sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Danville, Va., during which many new ideas of keeping the students amused and interested were presented.

Former religious school principal Phyllis Bluming, in her final message in the Temple Bulletin, described the May 13 program celebrating Israel Independence day. She gave credit for the educational activities to the resource center in Charlotte, The Carolina Agency of Jewish Education, and thanked the agency's director Lenora Stein for her help.

She also thanked Susan Linn, mother of Melissa, for her excellent job of coordinating the family picnic on May 18, and reported that the students' Tzedakah funds were allocated to Hospitality House, an Asheville facility for the homeless, and Keren Or, an Israeli facility for blind children.

Phyllis wished good luck to Jean Hansman and the faculty for next year.

Mazel Tov

Melissa Linn was Bat Mitzvah at a moving ceremony on June 5 in the sanctuary. Melissa's parents are Don and Susan Linn.

We're Glad You're Here

A warm welcome to new members Mrs. Natalie Nachman and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sher.

Beth Israel Synagogue
Asheville, N.C.
by Lillian R. Wellisch

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members—to Debi Miles and Marc Rudow and their two sons, Caleb and Joshua, we are delighted to have you join us.

In other Synagogue News, Mazel Tov to Adam Laibson, who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill on May 10, with a B.A. degree in Physics; to Erika Laibson, who graduated from Asheville High School on May 30. Erika will attend UNC-Greensboro in the fall. A very big Thank You to Avram Friedman and Jim Levinson for the work they have done for the Schul.

Sunday School News

In Sunday School news, Barbara Miller and Laurie Teich Chess, co-principals of the Sunday School, after a wonderful school year, have redefined the goal for our children's Jewish education for the coming year. They are: (1) teach Jewish values, customs and practice, using the Synagogue as the springboard; (2) provide the knowledge and skills necessary for the students to feel secure in explaining their traditions to others; (3) create feelings of pride and confidence in the students as they live as Jews in a mainly non-Jewish world; (4) open students to the potential of Judaism in their lives now and in years to come; (5) children learn best by doing, therefore, structure teaching around group activities and experiential learning centers; teaching methods designed to provide the variety necessary to reach all students, allowing for the chance to look, question, write, touch, listen, create and experiment with their religion; (6) create an atmosphere for dynamic and innovative education through lay and professional leadership in our community. We are proud to tell you that our energetic faculty have made these goals a reality. Next fall, our same faculty will return with some new additions. From Rabbi Birnham: a hearty Y'asher Koach to our Bet Sefer staff: Aleph, Sally Katz, Uta Levinson and Sandy Buskirk; Bet, Beth Reiser and David Friedman; Gimmel, Caren Kessler and Marina Fridlyand; Daled, Daya Laufer; Hey, Geoff Brown; Music, Michael Garner; and special thanks to Debi Miles and to our co-principals: Barbara Miller and Laurie Chess.

On June 12 and 13, the parents of Amanda Beth Lewin invited the congregation, relatives from near and far, and friends to share in their special moment in their lives as their daughter became a Bat Mitzvah.

Mandy led the Maariv service on Friday which was followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat, given by her parents. On Saturday morning, Mandy

was in absolute control as she led the service—the Torah as usual was passed from generation to generation. She also read from the Torah and later tied in her portion of the Torah with her concept of every day life. Mandy chanted her Haftarah, Judges 13:02-13:38. A lovely Kiddush luncheon, also sponsored by her parents, followed the morning service.

On June 26 and 27, Bob and Ellen Carr, parents of a Bar Mitzvah, invited relatives, the congregation and friends, to share in their happiness as their son, Alexander Daniel Carr, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Alex led the Kabbalat Shabbat Service and the Maariv Service Friday evening. In usual custom, the Torah was passed down to Alex by his father. Alex read from the Torah and subsequently related this portion to himself in a personal way.

Saturday morning, Alex again capably led the services. His Haftarah was Joshua 2:1-2-24. A gala Kiddush luncheon, sponsored by Ellen and Bob Carr, followed the service.

Congregation Annual Meeting

The Congregational Annual Meeting on June 17 was truly a memorable one. The past president, Bob Deutsch, was feted by Rabbi and his wife, Sara, by their reading a poem, sung to the melody of "Ashre." Bob was also roasted in a "for funzy" play with William Lewin, Rabbi, Ron Neimkin, Laurie Teich Chess, Rick Chess, Steve Miller, Barbara Miller and Barbara Laibson.

The new slate was voted into office as follows: president, Dr. Cliff Feingold; first vice president, Dr. Ron Neimkin; second vice president, Richard Laibson; third vice president, Dr. Marty Lee; secretary, Elaine Schulman; treasurer, Alan Laibson; and immediate past president, Bob Deutsch. Committee chairs are: adult education, Caren Kessler; cemetery, Dr. Joseph Schandler; endowment fund, William Lewin; grounds, Arlene Schandler; house, Sheldon Winick; long range planning, Dr. Eric Wellisch; membership, Dr. Steve Miller; publication, Morry Tenenbaum; ritual, Joe Gullotta; and sisterhood, Muriel Gelbert. Members-at-large are Bert Bronstein, David Davis, Sue Greenberg, Michele Heller and Dr. Norman Sollod.

Bob Deutsch made some farewell remarks as retiring president, and incoming president, Cliff Feingold, presented him with a plaque commemorating Bob's term of service. Cliff Feingold was introduced by his mother, Norma, wife of yet another past president, Jack Feingold, and Cliff made his first address as president of Beth Israel.

Dr. Joseph Schandler, one of last year's Members of the Year, introduced the 1991-92 Member of the Year. He is head of our ritual committee, Joe Gullotta. Joe and his wife, Beatrice, hail from New York and have been active members since they arrived several years back. In honor of the occasion, Joe was presented with an *etrog holder*. Joe is an "always there to be counted on" member of our synagogue.

Carol Deutsch was awarded a certificate and gift by the Youth Group in appreciation of her leadership.

The congregation and other guests of the community were privileged to hear a lovely medley of Yiddish, Russian and English songs by Cantor Isaac Goodfriend of Ahavath Achim Synagogue in Atlanta, Ga. Cantor Goodfriend is considered to be the leading interpreter of Yiddish cantorial music among American Cantors.

Ina Satunovsky accompanied him on the piano. In the past, she has been on the faculty of Leningrad Institute. She has also played with the Vilnius Philharmonic Orchestra in Lithuania, and though this was only the second time the cantor and his accompanist had performed together, we were all fortunate to hear the beautiful renditions of their selections. Mrs. Satunovsky came to America with her husband and two sons a year ago. The concert was sponsored by the Deutsch Family in honor of Bob's retirement.

Lillian Wellisch and Carol Deutsch chaired the refreshments, a perfect end to a lovely evening. The social hall was decked in flowers interspersed with notes to carry out a musical theme. The picturesque arrangement stood high on the table overlooking a beautiful array of goodies to please the palate of all. A gourmet fruit arrangement constructed by Julie Lee made for a colorful scene. Other committee members in charge of the sweets were: Hilda Ehrlich, Norma Feingold, Beatrice Gullotta, Lisa Gould, Michele Heller, Barbara Lewin, Pauline Tenenbaum and Cynthia Zaslow.





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Personals

Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Krochmal Forestry Experts Asheville, N.C.

Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Krochmal of Asheville, N.C., have accepted an invitation to return to Holland to be at Tropenbos, the tropical forestry foundation. They will serve as advisors on non-timber uses of the world's forests, dyes, medicines, foods, fibers and bee foods.

The Krochmals' work for more than 17 years for the U.S. Forest Service revolved around such uses, and their books in the area have been published by the *New York Times,* Doubleday, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Agricultural University, Wageningen, which previously awarded them a Senior Research Fellowship in Tropical Studies.

On their current stay the university will provide facilities, and Arnold and Connie will lecture students who have visited Asheville to spend a week with the Krochmals.

Both are Honorary Research Associates, Institute of Economic Botany, New York Botanical Garden; Arnold is adjunct professor, forestry, North Carolina State University. Their garden writings appear regularly in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, *Star;* Washington, N.C. *Daily News; Real Estate Weekly; Veterans News, and American Bee Journal.*

Dr. Arnold Krochmal was the first white professor of any religious background in any Negro college in the south, 1954-55.



NEW UAHC TRUSTEE—Lynn Eisenberg of Winston-Salem, N.C. (center), a member of Temple Emanuel, has been named to the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in North America. Welcoming Mrs. Eisenberg at the board's semi-annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn. are Melvin Merians of Larchmont (left), board chairman, and Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC president. Photo by Mitchell and Witchell

Arlene Cohen of Greensboro Elected to National Foundation for Jewish Culture

Arlene Meyer Cohen of Greensboro, N.C. has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture at its annual meeting in New York, announced Sandra Weiner, president. Reflecting the NFJC's national constituency, twelve other prominent leaders in the Jewish community and cultural world were also elected to the Board from cities across the United States.

Ms. Cohen has an extensive background and training in fine arts, music and literature, and worked for several years as design director for John Meyer of Norwich, Conn. She serves on the Board of the American Friends of the Israel Museum, the Women's Cabinet of UJA-Federation in Greensboro, and the Metropolitan Board of UJA-Federation of New York.

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Organizations

Jewish Fund Announces Grants to 37 Community Groups Including Durham, N.C.

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Founded in 1984, the Jewish Fund for Justice affirms the historic commitment of the Jewish people to work for social and economic justice. Since 1985 it has awarded 284 grants to advocacy and organizing groups fighting poverty in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

In Durham, N.C., **Southerners for Economic Justice** was granted $10,000. A multi-racial organization comprised of worker, civil rights, and religious activists, SEJ advocates for the economic advancement of the South's non-unionized working poor. Its Working Women's Organizing Project assists working women to individually and collectively advocate for a fair, safe, abuse-free work environment and gives voice to working women's concerns in the development and implementation of economic and workplace policy.

Lubavitch of North Carolina

by Rabbi Yossi Groner

Mitzvah Phone-A-Thon in Elul

The month of September corresponds this year to the Hebrew month of Elul which is the last month of the year on the Jewish calendar. Thus the month of Elul has a dual purpose: (1) As the last month of the year, Elul is the time to correct all of our deeds (or misdeeds) of the past year; (2) As Elul concludes the year, it also serves as a month of preparation for the new year, especially for the High Holy Days and the festivals which follow.

The month of Elul is also known as *Chodesh Hateshuvah*—the month of return to G-d. During the month of Elul it is the right time to engage in extra good deeds and study of Torah. It is a custom to sound the Shofar every weekday morning of Elul to remind us of the call of return.

The last week of the month is dedicated to special prayers known as Selichot, which bring us to a higher awareness of return as we feel the year coming to a close and are about to usher in the new blessed year of 5753. May it be a year of health, happiness, peace and prosperity for all of in us in the Carolinas and in the world over.

There will be a host of Elul programs at Lubavitch of North Carolina. One which stands out will be a Mitzvah Phone-A-Thon on Sunday, Sept. 13. Dozens of volunteers in Charlotte will be calling on fellow Jews to participate by adding a new Mitzvah to their daily routine in honor of the new year. There will be no pressure calls, but rather callers will present a list of easy and simple *mitzvot* for anybody to choose from.

The Mitzvah Phone-A-Thon will be directed by Rabbi Binyomin Weiss, program director at Lubavitch, and coordinated by members of Lubavitch Women's Organization of Charlotte. Rabbi Weiss is confident and hopes that the Phone-A-Thon will be well received by the community.

Lubavitch Day School & Preschool

At Lubavitch Day School & Preschool, this month is the first month of the new school year. For the children it is a time of old friendships renewed, and for many a time to make new acquaintances. It is also the month when children enter a new grade and begin the new year with a new perspective which is refreshing and exciting.

Since there is a full month before the High Holy Days, which start this year on Sept. 28, the students will have ample time to learn in depth the meaning, customs and history of these holidays. This is in addition to the extensive Hebrew and Judaica curriculum which is part of the daily education of the children at Lubavitch.

This new year will also be a fresh start for the general studies and secular curriculum at the school. Newly developed reading programs and a high quality hands-on science program will be taught at the Day School.

A host of new teachers were hired for the school. They come with years of experience in teaching and specialize in early child development which will certainly enhance the already excellent program. The famed innovative techniques of learning through play at Lubavitch Preschool has helped the little ones adjust to the world they live in. The love and care of each individual child at Lubavitch have made both parents and children very happy.

There has been a significant increase in the enrollment at the school; with the addition of the fifth grade, enrollment will top 120 students for the new school year.

The younger children will attend school at the Sardis Road location, while the older students will continue at the Chabad House on Jefferson Drive, which is adjacent to Shalom Park.

A school picnic was held Aug. 27



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for parents and teachers of the school. A large outdoor assembly was held on the grounds of the school during which the staff was introduced to the parents. Following the assembly, parents met with teachers in their children's classrooms to learn about curriculum and expectations of their children in the coming school year. The evening gave parents an informal yet productive meeting which will certainly be beneficial to parents, teachers, and especially their students.

Crown City Chapter ORT Charlotte, N.C.

by Peggie Rovman

Before getting down to business, this chapter held its annual games day at the Cedarwood Country Club. A soup and salad bar followed by scrumptious desserts rounded off a perfect day of fun. Whether you played Mahjong, Bridge, Rummy-Q or more, there was something for everyone.

The installation of new officers was held at the Park Hotel with members and husbands enjoying a wonderful evening of dinner and socializing. Lorrie Klemons was the chairperson of the evening with Paula Gentile installing the new board. Ana Resnik, president, and her board are planning an active year.

One of the main concerns at hand is the pro-choice issue. Election Day is right around the corner and your vote does count. ORT believes in equality for everyone. If you care about not only your family's future, but the future as a whole, make yourself heard. VOTE!

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CAJE News

by Lenora Stein, director

CAJE Update

The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), central agency for Jewish education in the greater Carolinas, successfully completed the 1991-92 school year with a record number of members—107 Jewish schools, congregations, community centers, organizations and families. For the first time, the number of family memberships exceeded organizational memberships, due to the increased visibility of the Resource Center at Shalom Park.

It's the perfect time for YOU to join CAJE in 1992-93. Stop by the education annex building at Shalom Park for a personal tour. Family memberships begin at $10 a year.

Many people contributed to CAJE's success in 1991-92 and we want to take time to acknowledge their donations of time, goods and services, and support. *Todah rabah* to:

- **Alan & Lee Blumenthal**-donation of a VCR.
- **Lauren & Philip Stark**-donation of a TV.
- **Alan Kronovet**-donation of a VCR for Charlotte Jewish Historical Society.
- **Ethel & Allen Gordon**-donation of a VCR.
- **Judy Kaufmann**/Creative Calligraphy-design and production of the 1992 Creative Project of the Year award certificates.
- **Dr. Karen Rubin**-volunteer time creating instructional materials; donation in memory of her father, Arthur Brown.
- **Joel Goldman**-donation in honor of receiving a 1992 Creative Project of the Year award.
- **Steve Menaker,** CAJE treasurer-for hours devoted to CAJE tax returns and other financial matters.
- **Dr. Jay Jacoby, Karen Fox, Sandy Hirschman**- for long, serious hours spent judging the 1992 Creative Project of the Year entries.
- **Richard A. Klein, Sam Eneman,** and the very active members of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society (a CAJE Project)-for endless volunteer hours devoted to preserving the history of Jewish Charlotte.
- **Sandi R. Carlish,** executive secretary, The Blumenthal Foundation-an endless source of advice and wisdom.
- **Rabbi Steven Sager,** Beth El congregation, Durham, N.C.-an additional First Place Award winner in the 1992 CAJE Creative Project of the Year competition.
- **The Carolinas Association of Jewish Women & Men (CAJWM), Irving Brenner, president**-for ongoing underwriting support.
- **Nicki Levine, Denise Sussman,** Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte Israel Mission participants-for bringing back lots of one-of-a-kind goodies for the "Israel Resource Box."
- **Susan Kramer**-design & production of the CAJE flag.
- **Phil and Ryan Joffe**-carpentry work, building additional shelves for CAJE.
- **Steve Pepper,** president, Quality Chrome Photo Labs, for slide processing donated for the M & M's family education workshop which was presented at the national CAJE Conference August 1992 by Lenora Stein & Roz Cooper.
- **Donna F. Foster,** District Sales Manager, Ilford Photo, for a dozen rolls of professional quality black & white film for the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society photo archive project.
- **Pat Ryckman,** manager, Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at the Public Library for assistance, guidance and copy work for the development of the Charlotte Jewish historical photo archive, a cooperative venture of CAJE, the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society and the PLCMC.

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Expulsion of the Jews: 500 Years of Exodus

Yale Strom
S.P.I. Books 192 pp. $24.95
Reviewed by Alan S. Goldberg

Yale Strom, in the *Expulsion of the Jews: 500 Years of Exodus,* relays a poignant and aoristic story. This year commemorates the 500th anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus in the new world. Majestic tall ships from all over the world visited foreign ports in celebration. And from the Olympic stadium in Barcelona, the torch of freedom blazed for a fortnight as the proud Spanish people hosted in splendor the international games. It is a paradox that this is also the 500th anniversary of one of the most infamous acts committed in history, the expulsion of Jews from Spain.

The Sephardic Jews created one of the greatest epochs in Jewish history—the Golden Age of Spain. For over a thousand years they lived in the Iberian peninsula nurturing a culture that excelled in Jewish scholarship, literature, linguistics, medicine, science, finance and commerce. Then in March of 1492, this civilization of a millenium was destroyed with one proclamation. Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, in concert with the Catholic Church, signed the Edict of Expulsion.

The 200,000 Jews of Spain either had to flee, convert to Catholicism, or be tortured and killed. The exodus that took place created a new diaspora. In commemoration of this 500th year, Yale Strom traces the lineage of these descendants. His search took him to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece. He also returned to Portugal and Spain in his pursuit to identify the remnants of a once thriving Sephardic culture.

What Yale Strom found was shocking but not surprising. After all, the Edict of Expulsion was only the beginning of the many trials that the Sephardim faced in 500 years with their number dwindling to 50,000. Mr. Strom chronicles what he has discovered in a concise but impressive style. There are only forty pages of compact writing, but it is sufficient to convey the splendor of the culture and the tragedy of the events.

Mr. Strom took 5,000 photographs during his travels and many are incorporated in this book. From a photojournalist standpoint, the pictures present a remembrance of the past, and the remnants of the present. Unfortunately, the reproductions are poor, but I found the account so forceful that the quality of the pictures did not detract from the purpose of Mr. Strom's book, tracing the 500 year history of the Sephardim.

Alan S. Goldberg is a Charlotte, N.C., businessman.

A Dry Leaf in the Wind: A Saga of Pre-War Russia

by Wolf Goodman
S.P.I. Books 315 pp. $4.95 paperback
Reviewed by Resa Goldberg

Vulia Gutman's tumultuous journey across war-torn Russia begins in Petrograd during the grim winter of 1919. He is eight years old and crippled, and anxiously awaits the arrival of his mother Reveka, who has come to take him home.

Stricken with infantile paralysis as a baby, he has been undergoing special treatment in Petrograd for nearly eight months. Now that he can walk with a brace, Vulia is ready to return to Latvia.

Then, just as quickly as mother and son are reunited, they are separated by "the utter pandemonium of human bodies fighting and scratching." Vulia watches helplessly as his mother is accidentally carried off on a departing train.

Kindly officials offer rations and a travel permit to anyone who will escort him to his parents. A sturdy, blond woman named Vera agrees to take Vulia home, but not before she finds ways to use the young boy's helplessness to her advantage. For Vera is a speculator who illegally buys food in the country and sells it in the city.

Soon, they are miles off course, trecking to Odessa, Poltava and Moskva. Along the way, Vulia is exploited sexually by Vera and prostitutes they encounter. He is deeply hurt when he realizes he has been sold to women "like a piece of merchandise."

He is witness to a bloody massacre and plagued by the shrieks and moans and images of Griska's dead and emaciated face.

He is fed and clothed by his benefactor, taken on sleigh rides and to the circus. But he is not returned home.

He struggles to remember his own values in the midst of the chaos his life has become. He resolves, for example, not to be converted to Christianity. When Vera and her sister, Nadia, take him to church, Vulia decides that "when the priest makes the cross on me, I will close my eyes and it won't matter."

As Vulia trails Vera from town to town, through "crowds of people—noisy, dusty, dirty humanity," he furtively plots his escape. But he is unsure whom to trust. He tells himself every night before bed, "I will have to build up courage."

This heartbreaking tale could only have been written by someone who survived one of Russia's most violent and historical periods. The author's own vivid memories are recounted in this story of a young boy forced to grow up too quickly in the midst of a civil war.

Yet, the sorrow and gloom of his surroundings do not rob Vulia's soul to survive. He believes there is hope in the face of travesty, that there is reason to pray for better times.

And though the pain of being separated from his family is acute, Vulia

finds joy in small things along the way, and even laughs, once in a while.

Resa Goldberg of Charlotte, N.C., is a reporter for ***Biz,*** *a business magazine.*

Till Death Do Us Part

by Rochelle Majer Krich
Avon Books 290 pp. $4.99 paperback
Reviewed by Pearl Rohde

This detective story format has an unusual twist—the plight of the "Agunah"—a Jewish woman without a "Get," a woman married to a man who refuses to grant a "Get" or a man who is incapable of granting a "Get" because of lack of mental competence.

The plot focuses on Deena, a young law student anxious to get on with her life following an unhappy childless marriage. She has obtained a secular divorce, but she and her parents in accordance with Orthodox Jewish law appeal to their Rabbis and to the "Bet Din"—the Jewish court of law—to obtain the cooperation of her husband.

The first reference to divorce is in Deuteronomy, "When a man marries a woman in whom he is displeased because he has discovered something unseemly about her, he may write a document of divorce and give it to her. . ." According to the Torah, the man has the right to issue the divorce, not the woman.

The story addresses itself to a variety of customs and ceremonies and laws about very important aspects of life: marriage and divorce.

Deena joins a support group of Jewish women who share the same anguish and paralysis in their lives, unable to enter new relationships because, in the eyes of the Jewish law, each is considered a married woman. They discuss aspects of the divorce not commonly known, such as: how the granting of a "Get" may have been used as leverage for the husband's gaining property and money; the wife may have had to waiver rights to her house, furniture, business. Her parents may have been called upon to make a cash settlement, or mortgage their business, and other penalties.

Till Death Do Us Part takes an intriguing but not unusual direction. As a result of the problems in Jewish divorce law, and the desperation on the part of the women, there is a homicide. And finding the perpetrator is an interesting study in human motivation.

Pearl Rohde, M.S. Psychologist, resides in Charlotte.

Sportsman's Paradise

by Nancy Lemann
Knopf 225 pp. $20
Reviewed by Ruth Goldberg

Sportsman's Paradise by Nancy Lemann is a summertime novel, set in Orient Point on the north shore of Long Island, New York. Some people live there all summer, while others are Manhattan dwellers who commute for several hours every weekend to cool off at the beach and have fun.

Among the residents of a small enclave are the Colliers from New Orleans (leading characters from Lemann's earlier novel, *Lives of the Saints*), the Foxes from Mississippi, and other transplanted southerners and their families. The narrator, Storey Collier, Fun Section Editor of the *New York Examiner,* hails from New Orleans, as does the author of the book. Storey, in her 30s, becomes reacquainted with an old flame, Hobby Fox, a former major-league baseball pitcher and now the World Editor of the *Examiner.* Their editor, Mr. Underwood, a "misanthrope," is also part of the Orient Point crowd.

Storey becomes interested in baseball, listens to games and attends a few with Hobby. However, that is but a small part of the book—the title led me to think the novel was all about sports ("Sportsman Paradise" is the tag on Louisiana license plates). The novel is really about people, their relationships, their weaknesses, their carrying southern traditions into a different New York world.

Storey has an apartment in New York City in an ugly building in a section that "had lines of Cubans buying lottery tickets. . .the ceaseless din of salsa block parties. It did not have pretension. For this I loved it dearly."

"That's why I like baseball—unpretentious, gutty, and dashing in its way."

She continues, "Times Square was the other neighborhood I favored most. It was like Bourbon Street in New Orleans. Sleazy, seedy, and sin-ridden. At least it is unpretentious. When you take the sin out, the humanity goes with it."

"Now of course the other main thing a Southerner finds in New York is anonymity."

Back at Orient Point, Storey takes care of her cousin Claude Collier's three children while he is recuperating in New Orleans from alcoholism. His youngest child, a precocious 3-year-old named Al, often tells Storey he wants to marry her. Feeling very inadequate, Storey reflects, "My close companions are the very young and the very old. But I think that hanging around with the very young and the very old, with nothing in between, may be the sign of someone who is about to crack up."

The characters in this novel are unique individuals whose lives and emotions are woven together by a skillful author.

Nancy Lemann has earned degrees from both Brown and Columbia Universities. She lives in New York City with her husband, Mark Clein, son of Sue and Leonard Clein of Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Shoes of Maidanek

by Arnold P. Goldstein
University Press of America, Inc.
62 pp. paperback
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This small book is extremely painful to read and possibly one of the truest accounts of life in German concentration camps.

The Shoes of Maidanek is written in the form of a diary kept by a 15-year old boy during two months he spent in Maidanek, the last two months of his life. The account was written from the author's conversations with survivors and from his realization of the horror into which people were cast.

Arnold P. Goldstein made a pilgrimage to Maidanek, wondering how one who did not witness the catastrophe could depict it, yet dedicated to present it in truth and with sensitivity, lest we forget.

In a foreword, Alan L. Berger, director of the Jewish Studies Program at Syracuse University, states that it is our urgent responsibility to combat the forces of anti-Semitism. He believes that *The Shoes of Maidanek* is the beginning of a new genre of Holocaust books, more necessary now than formerly, as deniers and falsifiers grow stronger in their attempts to erase the memory.

The book is Volume III in a series called *Studies in the Shoah.* The first was *Auschwitz; The Nazi Civilization,* by Lore Shelley. Volume II was *The German Phoenix: Men and Movements in the Church in Germany,* by Franklin Hamlin Littell.

For orders and information, address the publisher: University Press of America, 4720-A Boston Way, Lanham, Md. 20706.

Audio Tapes

The Legend of the Baal-Shem

by Martin Buber
read by Theodore Bikel
Two cassettes (3 hours) $15.95
Audio Literature, P.O. Box 7123, Berkeley, Cal.; orders (800) 841-2665

Reviewed by Ruth Goldberg

I have spent many delightful commutes to work listening to Theodore Bikel read *The Legend of the Baal-Shem* by Martin Buber.

This collection of legends of the founder of the Chassidic movement give us an insight into "the mystical depths of the rich tradition of storytelling and illuminates the inner meaning of Judaism. Actor and singer Theodore Bikel brings to life all the passions and joy of these incomparable tales, as retold by the great [20th century] philosopher and mystic, Martin Buber."

Recommended: "A Stranger Among Us" at Local Movie Theatres

Melanie Griffith stars as a policeperson assigned to investigate the murder of a Chassidic Jew in the diamond district in New York City. She goes underground and lives in the Rebbe's home in Brooklyn in order to track down the murderer. She falls in love with the Rebbe's son, portrayed by Eric Thal. The film gives a favorable portrayal of the Chassidic community. Musical score by Jerry Bock is delightful.

VISN Programs

VISN (Vision Interfaith Satellite Network) is a cable television station comprised of representatives of 28 mainline faith groups in the United States from the Protestant, Jewish, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions.

Of interest to the Jewish audience are the following:

THE SACRED SOUL series features "Conversations with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel" and "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Nonviolent Resister." Both half-hour segments air on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 10 p.m. (and other times).

BEYOND THE HEADLINES: Three esteemed Rabbis representing the three major Jewish movements debate the important issues of the day. (Jewish Television Network, Los Angeles) Mondays, 7:30 p.m. (and other times).

JEWISH CHRONICLES: An hour-long series featuring documentaries and dramas exploring the life and rich traditions of faith of the Jewish people. (Jewish Theological Seminary, N.Y.C., and others) Saturdays, 11 p.m.; Sundays, 2:30 p.m. (and other times).

POINT OF VIEW: Rabbi Gilbert S. Rosenthal, executive director of N.Y. Board of Rabbis, invites guests to participate in discussion of issues of the day from the Jewish perspective. (N.Y. Board of Rabbis with WOR-TV) Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. (and other times).

Check local listings for all programs.

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and to those who claim to be such but are merely fakers; to the speculators of the 'street' and to those who think they are such but are merely suckers; this little book is dedicated, in the hope that it may cause many to use more intelligence in speculation, and that it may thereby assist them to gain a greater share of the winnings of the world's greatest wheel of fortune."

I have been told by Mr. Rosenberg's family that he has loaned—the book is too rare to give—this valued book to his children, nephews and friends time and time again. He is now 88 and recently loaned it to me. I am truly honored that I have been chosen to have this tattered book for awhile. What is bound in the book is a lot more than good stock tips. What is bound is a man's life and one of Mr. Rosenberg's ways of showing he cares, he loves. Rosenberg can tell you stories of early twentieth century Atlanta that will knock your socks off, but what he gives with that book is even more exciting. A gift that fills the yearning soul of the receiver right back up to the brim.

A pillow, a corned beef slice, broken eggs, a torn book. All represent a day when it was not necessary to have action committees to show our humanity; a day when a demonstration for community was not a parade in the streets so the media would show up, but a glass of tea. Look around your house, your head, your life. Rediscover small things that aren't so small and gather them up. Please give them the proper homage they are due. It is within those silly, inconsequential, unimportant, meaningless things that we may discover what we have searched for—the meaning of life.

Let us start this Jewish New Year committed to the importance of little things we do each day. Little things that show we care because today, just as our ancestors, we are still in the same boat.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR STORY OR YOUR PARENTS' STORY TOLD IN THIS MAGAZINE?

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Congratulations to BJH Staff!

BJH Receives Highest Approval Rating From State Agency

How does one measure the quality of nursing home care? For most of us it is subjectively, by walking through the halls, noting the appearance of residents, and the cleanliness and attractiveness (or lack of) of the environment. When choosing a home for a loved one, a person will usually talk to friends, family members, doctors, and social workers to obtain recommendations. Often they will tour the facility, observing the residents (are they smiling and well groomed) and their interactions with the staff.

It is certainly possible to obtain a measure and often a true picture of the quality of care provided in a nursing home by a subjective analysis. Although not a quantifiable measure, subjective observation can reveal the immeasurable, the attention, thoughtfulness, and loving care that residents receive.

However, at least once a year, the Blumenthal Jewish Home is subjected to a week of objective scrutiny. During the week of July 13, a 5 person team of investigative personnel from the NC State Division of Facility Services along with 3 persons from the Federal Agency observing the State team visited the Home to conduct the annual survey for continued participation in the medicare/medicaid program.

Appearing unannounced, this team examines and rates the home on the facility and the quality of its service. The survey team consisting of 4 nurses, a pharmacist, dietician, social worker, and general Federal investigator left no "chart" unturned in their thorough investigation. They talked to staff and residents, read documentation, checked charts, tested call bells, watched food preparation and serving, and observed all facets of direct nursing care. For the second year in a row, the survey team concluded their findings with a superlative announcement. **The NC State survey members congratulated the Blumenthal Jewish Home staff and presented a report stating that no deficiencies were noted during their survey.**

For the Blumenthal Jewish Home, this is an official measure of recognition of the immeasurable attention to detail and attentive loving care that the staff always provides. Congratulations are due to all the employees of the Blumenthal Jewish Home; we are proud of your efforts.

Congratulate a Blumenthal Jewish Home staff member if you have the opportunity! They provide care worthy of recognition everyday.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ellis Berlin

We are on the threshold of another year at your Blumenthal Jewish Home. October 1, 1992 will be the completion of our 27th year of service to the Jewish communities of the Carolinas. It will also be the end of my two year term as your president. As we begin the New Jewish Year, we are anxious to enter into the spirit of the season, and therefore to count our many blessings. My list of blessings would be too long to enumerate for this message, and I am sure mine would vary somewhat with yours. However, I am most appreciative of the cooperation and support of you, our members, and the dedicated services of your staff, Board of Trustees, and officers. Another blessing has been the financial support of the Jewish communities and the active participation of our residents.

There is one blessing I feel we could all list at the top and that's OPPORTUNITY! In regards to your Home, there are many opportunities for everyone. Just to list a few:

1. Opportunity to visit a resident.
2. Opportunity to attend a meeting to beome more knowledgeable about your Home!
3. Opportunity to open the door for others by contributing to and spreading the word about our Building Fund and our Endowment Fund!
4. The opportunity to volunteer your services and expertise in assisting our staff in administering to your loved ones!
5. The opportunity to share what we have with others is a blessing.

So let us be thankful for those many windows of opportunity during this coming year!

The past two years witnessed many changes in the worlds around us both international and domestic! These extraordinary changes have had and will have enormous impact on your Home. I will go into more depth about changes that affect our Home at our annual meeting. However, we will be proposing two new concepts about which I am most excited; they are Regionalization and "DOR L'DOR, Generation to Generation". The function of the Regional Board shall be to discuss concerns that affect the elderly from their region and to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The three designated regions are:

1. South and Western Region, covering Charlotte, Hickory, points west, and South Carolina.
2. Middle Region, covering the Piedmont, Southwest Virginia, and West Virginia.
3. Eastern Region, covering Research Triangle and points east.

Each Regional Board will report through a Vice-President and a President elect.

The "DOR L'DOR" program is the name of an effort of your Blumenthal Jewish Home to help Jewish communal institutions cooperatively sponsor ongoing support groups for those in their community who are coping with issues related to aging.

More details on these important concepts will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Be sure to include as one of your OPPORTUNITIES attendance at the annual meeting in October to help us approve and implement those important changes to involve **your** community with **your** Home.

In this season of the New Year, I ask you to join us in seizing the opportunities to involve yourselves in the commandment to honor our fathers and our mothers in the tradition of the Best Elderly care affordable in the Carolinas, the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

May your hearts be filled with love, joy, peace, warmth, and cheer, and may your families be inscribed for a healthy, happy year!

L'Shanah Tovah!

Ellis Berlin

WELCOME

May you have a long, healthy, and happy life.

Herbert Doty
Clemmons, NC
Syd Kastel
Pittsboro, NC
Dorothy Poliakoff
Charlotte, NC

BJH NEWS

Editor – Sue Clein

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE



Donald Morris

At a time when many communities across the country are cutting back in services as funding diminishes, we are extremely fortunate to have been able to retain programs that offer an enriched and dignified living alternative for our community's aged. For the second year in a row, the Home was surveyed by the State of North Carolina and found to be deficiency free. This is almost unheard of and certainly reflects a commitment to excellence of the Jewish community in the Carolinas.

The Home is very fortunate to have a beautiful state-of-the-art complex and to have the support of the Jewish communities of both North and South Carolina. We are particularly fortunate to have a dedicated staff who offer kind, considerate care to the residents of the Home. Our human resource of both volunteers and staff has given the Home an added dimension. As I reflect over the last year at the beginning of this new one, I feel extremely fortunate to be part of a program that continues to excel at a time when, in many communities, programs are suffering.

North Carolina has 17,000 Jewish residents and the smallest Jewish population of any state in the nation. Yet, the commitment to a quality life for our elderly remains uncompromised. This is something for which we can all be grateful during this New Year season.

Carol and I along with David, Artie and Ruthie extend to all of you who have supported our Home over the years a warm and happy New Year.

Don Morris



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 27 Eve of Rosh Hashanah, Synagogue	6:15 p.m.
Monday, September 28 First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Synagogue	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, September 29 Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Synagogue	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, October 6 Eve of Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre, Synagogue	6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7 Day of Atonement, Yiskor Services, Synagogue Break-the-fast, Upper Commons	9:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11 Eve of Feast of Tabernacles, Synagogue	6:15 p.m.
Monday, October 12 First Day of Sukkot, Synagogue	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, October 13 Second Day of Sukkot, Synagogue	9:15 a.m.
Thursday, October 15 Sukkot Celebration, Grand Sukkah, Central Courtyard	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 18 Sukkot Reception, Grand Sukkah, Central Courtyard Entertainment by Merri Robinson	3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19 Shemini Atzeret, Yiskor, Synagogue	9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, October 20 Simchat Torah, Synagogue	9:15 a.m.

In Memory Of And Appreciation Of Harriet Cooper and Rosalyn Pliner





Far Left: Harriet Cooper is shown addressing invitations for the Home's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Left: Rosalyn Pliner and her husband, Norman, past president of BJH Board of Directors, at the Board retreat at Wildacres in May.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home was saddened by the untimely deaths of two long-time friends and devoted supporters of the Home this past year. Harriet Cooper of Winston-Salem, in May, and Rosalyn Pliner of Raleigh, in June. Both Harriet and Roz had been dedicated to the Home since its inception more than 26 years ago.

Harriet Cooper's involvement as a volunteer provided support, encouragement, strength, and assistance to countless residents and staff members over the years. Her dedication to bringing elegance into the Home's decor helped create an atmosphere of graciousness and charm for all to enjoy. The Home will always be indebted to her for her concern, her numerous gifts, her touches of beauty, and especially her large personal commitment of time.

Rosalyn Pliner was the first lady of the Home for many years. Her presence and her warmth provided support and brought joy to those whose lives she touched. The Home will always be indebted to her for her sensitive concern, her thoughtful presence, and her commitment to the Board of Trustees, family members, staff, and residents.

We remember Harriet Cooper and Rosalyn Pliner with appreciation for their dedication to the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and we miss them.

IN MEMORY

We mourn the loss of:

Edward Buckner
Annie Gibson
Benjamin Goldberg
Florence Swirsky

May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

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David Merrell
Lucy Miller
Matthew Miller
Lucinda Moser
Maurice Rogovin
Abraham Schwartz
Ralph Tesh
Eva Weinberg
Harry Westerman

OCTOBER

Dora Bierman
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Theresa Goldstein
Badonna Gottlieb
Lucille Handler
Ann Lentz
Mary Markland
Martha Mayer
Virginia Popper
Edythe Schwartz
Nelly Schwarz
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Mary Taylor
Florence Weiner
Fay Wexler
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BJH NEWS BRIEFS — The Sounds of Summer



Above: Stan Decklebaum and son served as chefs at the grill at the CAJWM cookout on the Fair Oaks terrace.



Right: The BJH activities department was rocking and rolling for the 50's July 4th celebration. Pictured left to right are Lynda Abrahamson, Carol Bock, and Fredia Thompson.

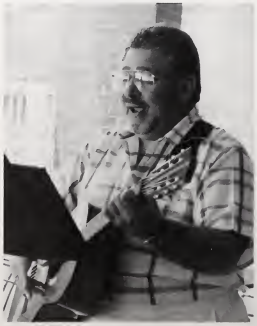
- **BIRDS, "BEATLES", AND BARBEQUE** were some of the sounds heard at Fair Oaks 1st Annual Picnic held at Bolten Park in Winston-Salem on June 17. Thirty residents from Fair Oaks filled the bus, limo, and cars to enjoy a day of leisure in the outdoors. Volunteer Darrel Mandelstamm was the chef at the grill and, recreation therapist Gail Ruthfield coordinated the music and activities of the day.

- **CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH WOMEN AND MEN** held their annual picnic on the Fair Oak's terrace on Sunday, June 17. Residents, friends, and family members enjoyed this delightful afternoon sponsored by the CAJWM. Volunteer Barry Strulson brought the sounds of Jewish music to the audience, singing a beautiful program of liturgical, Israeli, and traditional Jewish songs.

Right: The Blue Moons from Charlotte carried the crowd back to the 50's and 60's with this rock'n'roll show for the July 4th party.



Below: Volunteer, Barry Strulson, entertained residents, family members, and friends at the CAJWM picnic.



- **THE BLUE MOONS** provided a rocking celebration for the July 4th swinging 50's party at BJH. The sounds were "rock'n'roll", and the Blue Moons from Charlotte put on a show which had everybody jumping, or at least rocking and rolling. Staff, dressed for the occasion, stepped back in time to the 1950's and stepped out on the dance floor to "Do the Twist" when the music started.

- **JASON MOFF** tapped danced his way into the hearts of residents again when he performed for the July birthday party. Jason, a veteran performer at BJH, is a real crowd pleaser, performing original choreography and exciting toe-tapping routines.

- **JERRY MENDELSON,** noted musician and entertainer, presented a beautiful, informal concert on the baby grand in the Upper Commons on July 16. Jerry, the son of Irene Mendelson, is a graduate of Julliard and well known for his musicianship on both the piano and organ. Residents and staff were treated to a superb program of piano favorites plus Jerry's sparkling personality.



Jason Moff thrilled residents with his return engagement of an exciting tap dancing show and the addition of a student partner.



Rosalie Blumenthal and Minnie Sutker enjoyed the CAJWM picnic and visiting with family and friends.



A-Wing resident, Eunice Stephens enjoys a summer shopping trip to Hanes Mall with volunteer Lydia Thabet.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

1 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 1:30 p.m.

6 Sunday Sweets With Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

8 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:15 a.m.

9 Greensboro Womens Organizations Joint Opening Luncheon, 10:15 a.m.

11 Leave for Winston-Salem, Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m.

13 Brenner Concert, Marvin James & the Stardusters, "Popular Songs", Commons Aud., 3 p.m.

24 Horticulture Therapy Seminar, Commons Aud., 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

1 Leave for Greensboro, Friendship Circle Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

4 Sunday Sweets with Sisterhood, Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.

8 Leave for Dixie Classic Fair, 1:30 p.m.

13 Leave for Clemmons, Senior Citizen Luncheon, 10:15 a.m.

13 Homewide Birthday Party, Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Aud., 1:30 p.m.

22 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.

23 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.

SUE's NEWS

The New Year, A Time to Reflect and Give Thanks



Fair Oaks resident Elsie Guthman and B-Wing resident Marguerite Hughes enjoy lunch at Starmount Country Club with volunteers: Marsha Glazman, Bill and Josie Swirin, and Hiliary Glazman.



We are happy to have Janie Douthit back in our gift shop, after a brief illness.

As I prepare for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, my thoughts turn to the year just ended as well as to the new beginning now before us. I look with gratitude to the growth of the Volunteer Program and the many wishes which have come true for us this year. Wonderful volunteers have joined our program, and both residents and staff have benefited from these relationships. BJH has been blessed with dedicated and caring volunteers who have provided new opportunities, new activities, and new friendships for our residents.

I am grateful for all the volunteers who have been responsible for the growth and success of the Volunteer Program these past six years, and I look forward to their continued involvement.

At the same time, I look back with sadness as I reflect upon those volunteers who were so much a part of our program and whose presence we will remember and miss. This past year BJH lost dear friends. Harriet Cooper, a volunteer since the Home began, gave over 26 years of volunteer service in many capacities. Harriet touched all facets of the Home lending elegance to the decorating of the Home, warmth and good humor, to shopping with residents at Hanes Mall. Fred Burk and Dr. H.M. Dillabough were devoted friends of the Home, but will be best remembered by Fair Oaks residents as their bingo callers.

With a new year beginning, I look forward to sharing good times with our volunteers, making new friends, and celebrating successes. I want to wish each of our volunteers a healthy and happy New Year, a sweet year filled with the continued joy of giving.

We welcome the new volunteers who have joined us during this past year and thank all of you who have assisted our program in some way during the year.

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW VOLUNTEERS:
Frances Bain
Edna Blevins
Frank Bionde
Charles Cunningham
Rev. Levy Goodrich
Helen Graham
Joanne Graham
Carter Hammond
Bert Kalet
Marty Levin
Jean Lund
Cathy Maxfield
Maxine Newman
Grant and Lib Queen
Bernie Rea
David Rosen
Temple Emanuel Sisterhood
Fran Thull
W.F.H.S. Anchor Club Members
Alice Yontz
Eran Thull

Volunteers To Be Thankful For



Frank Bionde plays a game of pool with resident Al Schwartz.



Ruth Jacobs chats with an old friend, BJH resident Rose Halpern at the Starmount Country Club.



Roy and Evelyn Bascomb escort BJH residents, Helene Baruch and Geneva Neal, on an outing at Hanes Mall.



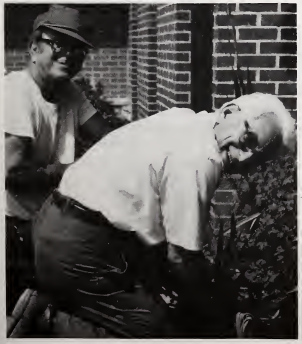
Grant (above) and Lib (below) Queen bring pets to BJH as volunteers with the Critter Cuddler Program.



Sarah Pearlman (left) and Evelyn Robinson (right) have lunch with Fair Oaks resident Hannah Ackerman at Starmount Country Club.

Fair Oaks resident Bernice Goldfinger enjoys a shopping trip with volunteer Joanne Graham.

Marty Levin and Bert Kalet (foreground) are helping to keep the gardens beautiful.







L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATAVU

From Martha Mayer:
Blessing for a healthy and happy New Year to my friends and family.

From Lee Sample:
Good health and happiness to my friends and family.

From Helene Baruch:
To my entire family, may you have good health and happiness for the coming year.

From Virginia Popper:
To my family and friends, I wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

From Florence Weiner:
Good health and happiness for the coming year to my entire family.

From Herman and Rose Nove:
Health and happiness for the New Year to all our friends and our daughter, Eva, our grandson, Andrew, and our sister-in-law, and to her daughter and granddaughter.

From Celia Sklut:
I wish a happy and healthy New Year to my children and grandchildren.

From Ida Temko:
Good health for the coming year to my family and friends.

From Sarah Cohen:
To my children and their families, wishing you happiness for the coming year.

From Theresa Goldstein:
To my family, wishing you good health and happiness for the coming year.

From Anna Levine:
Good health for the coming year.

From Mary Cohen:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Barnet Goldberg:
Wishing my family and friends good health and happiness for the coming year.

From Lena Zimmerman:
Good health and happy holidays to my family.

From Fannie Shandolow:
To my entire family, a happy and healthy New Year.

From Fannie Benson:
Best wishes and love to my family and friends.

From Helen Bloch:
Best wishes to my friends and family.

From Anna Passman:
Wishing everyone the best for the coming year.

From Bertha Marrus:
To my family and friends, best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

From Noah and Dorothy Kaplan:
To our wonderful daughter and her family, wishing you love and happiness for the coming year.

From Lilly Marx:
Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Yvette Pearlman:
Good health and happiness to my family and friends.

From Lucille Holeman:
A very happy and healthy New Year to my family and friends.

From Mildred Kalet:
Happy New Year to my family.

From Solomon and Esther Sabbah:
To my entire family, wishing you a happy New Year.

From Eunice Stephens:
Best wishes for the coming year with lots of love and happiness.

From Mary Barrett:
Happy New Year to my friends and family.

From Debbie Nelson:
To my family and friends, have a healthy and happy New Year.

From Fay Wexler:
To my friends and family, I wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

From Faye Kalson:
To my friends and family, I love you all, happy New Year.

From Rose Halpern:
To my children, grandchildren, and dear friends in Greensboro, the Blumenthal Jewish Home, and elsewhere, I wish you all a healthy and peaceful New Year.

From Betty Levine:
Happy New Year to my friends and family.

From Mae Kornbluth:
Happy days and a happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Karl Cahn:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Jane Rosenberg:
To the Schells, happy New Year.

From Ira Gutman:
Happy New Year to my friends and family.

From Rose Germaine:
I wish my family a very Happy New Year.

From Claire Cass:
Happy New Year to my family.

From Ethel Sutton:
Happy New Year to my friends and family.

From Eleanor Altschuller:
With best wishes for good health to my son, his family, and also my friends.

From Elaine Simons:
Happy New Year to my friends and family.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



From George Lewin:
Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Ben Bruck:
To my family, happy New Year and much love.

From Esther Pearson:
Health and happiness for the New Year to my family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Minnie and Moe Leder.

From Ella Gunzberger and Rose Schulherr:
Happy New Year to all our relatives and friends.

From Ida Feinberg:
I wish a happy and healthy New Year to my daughter and children.

From Anna Schleicher:
Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Ruth Menins:
Happy New Year to my grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Nancy and Howard Schwartz.

From Lena Krieger:
To my family, all the best for the New Year.

From Miriam Gingold:
To Dr. and Mrs. Martin Lakin and children, a happy and healthy New Year.

From Moe and Bea Mandel:
Love to our children Deanna and Harry, and happy New Year.

From Hannah Ackerman:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Teddy Serxner:
Best wishes and love to Mr. and Mrs. Eisen and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Serxner.

From Bebe Bennison:
Many happy returns for the New Year and many blessings from heaven be given to all people.

From Eva Weinberg:
Best wishes and love for the New Year to my family and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Weinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hollander, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kronstadt.

From Leo Schwartz:
Happy New Year to my whole family and all of my friends.

From Anna Shapiro:
To Jerry and Helene and their family, a happy and healthy New Year.

From Sarah Sherry:
To my family, all my love and best wishes for a happy New Year.

From Syd Kastel:
Happy New Year to my children and friends.

From Nelly Schwarz:
Health and happiness for the New Year to my family and friends.

From Lucy Handler:
Greetings for the New Year.

From Matt Miller:
To my grandchildren, Kacie and Leigh, and my son and daughter, Jeff and Lois, all the best wishes for the New Year with good health and happiness.

From George Carp:
To my niece in Miami, best wishes for the New Year.

From Pearl Yachnin:
Happy Holidays to my family.

From Virginia Brown:
To all my dear ones, may all your years be blessed.

From Shirley Shane:
Good health and best wishes for the New Year to all my family and friends.

From Rose Golden:
Good health and best wishes for the New Year to all my family and friends.

From Else Guthmann:
Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Dora Bierman:
Best Wishes for the New Year to my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

From Rae Glickman:
Best wishes for the New Year.

From Eva Kaplan:
Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Lee Sweetbaum:
Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Mickey Samet:
Happy New Year to all my friends and family.

From Jenny Novey:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Henry and Lottie Maienthau:
Health and happiness for the New Year.

From David Levine:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Beatrice and Bernie Goodman:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Miriam Warshofsky:
Health and happiness to all.

From Sylvia Margolis:
Happy New Year to my family and friends.

From Helen Labell:
Helen and Nat Labell wish all our friends and family a happy New Year.

From Bernice Goldfinger:
Best wishes to my friends and family.

From Irene Mendelson:
A happy, healthy New Year to my children, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mendelson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schulman and daughter.

BJH Is Happy To Announce Its Selections For Employee Of The Month



WANDA KING
Laundry
May, 1992

The Blumenthal Jewish Home has benefited from Wanda King's work ethic since she joined the BJH staff in March '91. Marie Doty, Laundry Supervisor, and Allen McManus, Director of Housekeeping, both agree that Wanda is a very hard worker, dependable, and does an excellent job in the laundry working wherever she is needed. Wanda, surprised and pleased to be chosen Employee of the Month, says she enjoys her work in the laundry and enjoys seeing the residents when she is on the floor. She says "BJH is a good place to work, because all of the people are nice here". Wanda praises Marie and Allen as supervisors saying "they trust us, they know we are doing a good job and we trust them".

Wanda King was born in Korea and came to the U.S. at the age of 22 with her husband Ben, leaving behind a sister and brother she has not seen in 31 years. The Kings moved to Advance, NC in 1980 and they have 3 children, 2 daughters and a son. Wanda is proud of her family, her oldest daughter is a nurse, the younger is studying

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BARENDA MAUNEY
Nursing Assistant
June, 1992

Barenda Mauney's radiant smile has been bringing the sunshine to Fair Oaks, often before sunrise, since she began working in May '91. Barenda became a nursing assistant in 1983, soon after graduating from East Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem. She had worked at other nursing homes in this area before coming to BJH and says she really enjoys working on the Fair Oaks unit. Barenda has always wanted to be a nurse; her dream is to return for L.P.N. training and ultimately to receive her RN degree.

Enjoying people and sharing that enjoyment with them is a special quality that Barenda brings to the job. She says caring for the residents is what she likes best and that they enjoy her laughter, cheerfulness, and even her singing and dancing. A member of her church choir, Barenda says her hobbies are singing, dancing, swimming, and making new friends.

Marlene Newell, Fair Oaks Unit Manager and Barenda's supervisor, says Barenda has made a lot of friends in Fair Oaks. She says "Barenda seems to have that

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DAVID PERRELL
Dietary Department
July, 1992

David Perrell will be celebrating his first anniversary at the Blumenthal Jewish Home this October and he is proud to be recognized as Employee of the Month for his hard work. His job as a dietary aide is a new field for him. David learned about the Blumenthal Jewish Home from his mother and sister, both of whom have worked at the Home. David describes his job as doing everything that has to be done in a kitchen except cook, which he says he does at home. He works the tray lines, delivers food carts, and works in the dish room. An outgoing person, David says his favorite aspects of the job are the people he works with and the residents he talks to in the dining rooms and the halls.

David begins his workday early at 6:30 a.m. with a cheerful smile, a positive attitude, and a willingness to work. His co-workers agreed that he deserved to be chosen Employee of the Month, as he is always smiling and willing to help others when needed.

David lives in Winston-Salem, and when not at work enjoys his new daughter, 3 month old

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Wanda King (continued)

ultra-sound at Forsyth Technical College, and her son is in high school. Raising a family and working doesn't leave much time for hobbies says Wanda, but she loves to cook and bake. Marie Doty, Wanda's supervisor attests to that; she says Wanda has found time to bake the best pound cakes she has ever tasted.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is pleased to congratulate Wanda King, a person we are proud to have on our staff.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in September and October:

SEPTEMBER

13 Years
Judy Petty, *Dietary*

12 Years
Jim Byerly, *Maintenance*

6 Years
Sue Clein, *Dir. Marketing and PR*

5 Years
Evelyn Hamlin, *Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks*

4 Years
Cindy Brewer, *Laundry*

3 Years
Kathy Jay, *Dietary*

2 Years
Michelle James, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*

1 Year
Bernard Jennings, *Housekeeping*
Mary Marquet, *Nsg. Asst., B-2*
Carlette Parker, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Mitzi Phelps, *Laundry*

OCTOBER

23 Years
Lorena Durham, *LPN, A-Wing*

10 Years
Libby Carter, *RN, Unit Manager, B-1*

5 Years
Hazel Brock, *Dietary*
Jane Brown, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*
Denise Robertson, *Laundry*

4 Years
Lorraine Hetrick, *RN, Unit Manager, B-2*
Camilla Lottin, *Nsg. Asst., A-Wing*
Pat Oberle, *Nsg. Asst., B-1*

2 Years
Teresa Cook, *Dietary*
Margie Watts, *Nsg. Asst., Fair Oaks*

1 Year
Sadie Grant, *Housekeeping*
Jennifer Maxwell, *Dietary*
David Perrell, *Dietary*

Barenda Mauney (continued)

special quality which endears her to the residents as well as staff members. Several residents have their own special name for her, and they will call out 'Betadine' or come looking for 'My big friend'. They request Barenda even when she is not assigned to their rooms. Of course, Barenda goes out of her way to do all sorts of little extras for them. What ever they choose to call her Barenda is always ready to assist. She displays a genuine happy and caring personality, is most dependable and willing to fill in, working any and all shifts when another employee is out, ill, or on vacation. Always smiling and always busy, Barenda is a joy to have on the staff".

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is happy to congratulate Barenda Mauney, a deserving recipient of this honor.



David Perrell (continued)

Cassidy, and his hobbies, collecting sports cards and playing sports.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home is proud to have David as a member of our team and congratulates him on this honor.



Left: BJH resident Madalene Plyler plays old favorites on the piano.

Above: Fair Oaks resident Syd Kastel is all smiles as she is welcomed back to Fair Oaks by many friends.



What's Developing?

by Bruce Schlosberg
Director of Development

"MENSCHES" IN THE EAST

I have a unique job because I work for a unique institution. The Blumenthal Jewish Home is the only Jewish nursing home in the country whose market area is four states. We serve North and South Carolina, southwestern Virginia, and southern West Virginia.

The Development Directors in the other Jewish homes mainly serve one central city. I serve several central cities and many small towns. One of the pleasures of the job is getting to meet with people in all these areas. In July, I made my first trip to the eastern part of North Carolina.

My purpose in this trip was to develop a relationship with friends of the Home from several communities. I felt like Eli Evans (author of "The Provincials," a book about the Jews of the South) as I talked to these community leaders about their families and their roles in their local, state, and national Jewish and general communities. It was fascinating. By the way, I did not lose the opportunity to ask for money where the situation was appropriate.

I started in Rocky Mount with Bill Shrago. Bill was a member for six years on the North Carolina Holocaust Commission and is active in the stock brokerage business. From Rocky Mount I traveled to Greenville, where I met with Joe Gantz, the young president of Empire Brushes.

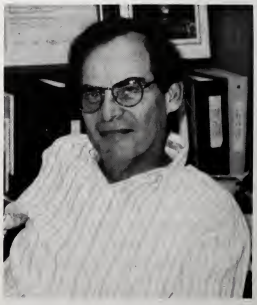
Joe told me about the rejuvenation of the Greenville Jewish community as a result of the creation of the East Carolina Medical School. In 1976, there were four families who belonged to Congregation Bayt Shalom. Today, there are over 50 families with over 40 kids. While in Greenville, I saw the most beautiful store at the local mall. Brody's Department Store with its marble interiors could compete with any store any where.

Heading south from Greenville, I traveled to Goldsboro. My first appointment was with Seymour Brown, the President of Goldsboro Iron and Metal. Seymour is definitely a Carolina fan and a great supporter of the United Way and Chamber of Commerce. My next appointment was with Bobby Kadis, a partner in Commercial Realty. Bobby's company has developed several apartment complexes and a new motel. Bobby has the unenviable position of being the chief solicitor for U.J.A. in Goldsboro. Before leaving town, I went to see Morris and Arnold Leder. Morris, who is going to be 90, has been in business for over 50 years.

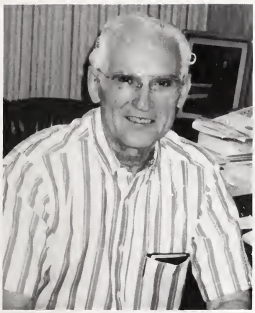
Kinston was the next city on the eastern journey. Kinston is a vibrant community whose business leaders are trying to attract the Air Cargo Transport Facility. One of those leaders is Leo Brody, who was meeting with the Governor the day I came. I got a chance to meet with Sol Schechter, president of Hampton Shirt Company. Hampton is a manufacturer of

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Bruce Schlosberg visits with Joe Gantz (left) in Greensville, NC and Robert Kadis, (right) in Goldsboro, NC on a recent trip.



Sol Schechter of Kinston received a visit from Bruce on his Eastern NC tour.

Mensches (continued)

boys' and men's shirts which sell under the names of LeTigre, Campus, and J. G. Hook for boys. Sol and his family have been involved in the clothing business for over 50 years and a great supporter of civic endeavors in the Kinston area. On the way out of town, I stopped at the Stadiem Department Store, where I met with David and Hyman. Three generations of Stadiems have served Kinston for over 50 years.

The last stop was in Jacksonville, the home of Camp Lejeune, Sidney Popkin, and Bucky Stein. Sidney is the owner of Boomtown Furniture and is a great supporter of U.J.A. Bucky, who has been in the tire business since the 40's, is a wholesaler and a retailer with over 15 stores in North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina.

When I got back to my home in Greensboro, I began to reflect upon the trip. My thoughts were that I had been enriched by the people I had met. These people, who live far away from the big cities, have not forgotten their roots. They understand Tzedakah and contribute greatly to their communities.

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Sunday, October 25, 1992

Gourmet Brunch — 11:00 A.M.
Business Meeting — Election of Officers

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Musical Program by Marvin Bienstock

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